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INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

125TH ANNIVERSARY

Freemasons. Pennsylvania. Grand Lodge.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

AT ITS CELEBRATION OF THE

One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of its Independence

HELD IN THE MASONIC TEMPLE, IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER THE TWENTY-FIFTH
A. D. 1911—A. L. 5911

TOGETHER WITH ACCOUNTS OF THE SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER THE TWENTY-FOURTH, AND THE LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF GRAND LODGE HALL AT THE MASONIC HOMES AT ELIZABETHTOWN, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THE TWENTY-SIXTH, A. D. 1911
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Independence Celebration

One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary

INTRODUCTION

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at the Quarterly Communication, held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Philadelphia, on September the Seventh, A.D. 1910, A.L. 5910, adopted the following preambles and resolutions, on motion of Brother James M. Lamberton, Senior Grand Deacon:

Whereas, The Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, deeming it improper to remain longer under the authority of any foreign Grand Lodge, did on Monday, September 25, a.d. 1786, a.l. 5786, close forever; and

Whereas, The present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging was on the same day duly formed as a Grand Lodge independent of Great Britain or any other authority whatever; and

Whereas, Monday, September 25, a.d. 1911, a.l. 5911, will be the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Independence of this Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania do celebrate said Anniversary with suitable ceremonies in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Philadelphia, and recommend similar celebrations by the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction.

Resolved, That a Committee of Twelve, consisting of the Grand Officers and six other Brethren, be appointed to prepare a programme and take charge of such celebration by the Grand Lodge, and suggest a programme for the use of such Lodges as may desire to hold a similar celebration, which must be held within the tiled Lodge Room, banquet excepted.

Resolved, That a Committee of Three, the Grand Master being one, be appointed to invite the presence of the President of the United States, Brother William Howard Taft, in the Grand Lodge on that Anniversary.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be, and hereby are, directed to co-operate with regard to financial matters.

At the Quarterly Communication, held on December the Seventh, A.D. 1910, A.L. 5910, the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother George W. Guthrie, made the following announcement:

In accordance with the resolutions adopted at the Quarterly Communication, held September 7th last, I designate as the Committee to invite the President of the United States, Brother William H. Taft, to participate in the 125th Anniversary of the establishment of this Grand Lodge, which I understand is to be composed of the Grand Master and two Brethren to be appointed by him, Past Grand

Master Brother George B. Orlady and Brother James M. Lamberton.[1]

I am also instructed to appoint a Committee of six Brethren to act in conjunction with the six Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge, which will constitute a Committee to devise a programme for this occasion. Therefore in addition to the six Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge, I appoint,

Brother George B. Wells,
Brother Henry Darrach,
Brother Adolph Eichholz,
Brother James M. Lamberton,
Brother Thomas F. Penman,
Brother Emory A. Walling.

At the Quarterly Communication, held on June the Seventh, A.D. 1911, A.L. 5911, the following preamble and resolution were, on motion of Brother James M. Lamberton, adopted.

Whereas, Brother Field Marshal His Royal Highness Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn K. G., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, has been appointed by His Majesty King George V to be Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, and will enter upon his duties in September next:

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which formerly was a Provincial Grand Lodge

[1] The reply of Brother Taft to the invitation will be found on page 85.

under the Grand Lodge of England, extends to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England an especially cordial and fraternal invitation to be present and participate in the celebration, in September next, of the 125th Anniversary of the existence of this Grand Lodge as a Sovereign and Independent Grand Lodge.[2]

Invitations to attend the celebration were sent to the Grand Masters of all the Grand Lodges with which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania holds fraternal relations; to the Officers, Trustees and Committees of the Grand Lodge; to a number of distinguished Brethren; and to one specially selected Representative of each Lodge in this Jurisdiction.[3]

It was a matter of great regret, that, on account of the limited seating capacity of Corinthian Hall, it was impossible to accommodate all the members of the Grand Lodge, and, from this unfortunate circumstance, the representation from each Lodge was necessarily limited to one Representative. A Suggested Programme was furnished to the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction, and it was urgently recommended that

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[2] The engrossed invitation, through the kindness of the President, Brother William H. Taft, was transmitted by the Secretary of State, the Honorable Philander C. Knox, through the American Ambassador at London, the Honorable Whitlaw Reid, to the Right Honourable Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, who delivered the same to His Royal Highness. For copy of the invitation, see Appendix, page 229; for the reply, see page 85.

[3] For engraved invitation, forms of letters and cards of admission, see Appendix, pages 234–251.

they celebrate this important event in their respective Lodge Rooms, in a manner befitting the occasion.[4]

The Right Worshipful Grand Master decided that an appropriate service should be held on the Sunday preceding the anniversary, and invitations[5] were also extended to attend Religious Services to be held at the historic Christ Church, Second Street above Market Street, Philadelphia, on Sunday, September 24th, A.D. 1911, A.L. 5911, at 3:30 o'clock P. M. The Grand Lodge formed in the Masonic Temple and marched in procession to the Church, almost filling it to its capacity. The Order of Service and Sermon will be found at pages 16 and 17.

An account of the celebration of the Anniversary at the Masonic Temple, on September 25th, A.D. 1911, A.L. 5911, will be found at page 25.

As a fitting conclusion of the celebration of our independence, the Right Worshipful Grand Master directed that the cornerstone of "Grand Lodge Hall," at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, should be laid with Masonic ceremonies on the day following the celebration in the Masonic Temple, on Tuesday, September 26th, A.D. 1911, A.L. 5911. An account of those ceremonies will be found at page 135.

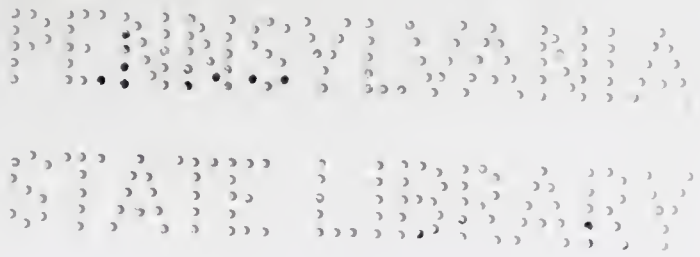
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[4] For form of Suggested Programme, see Appendix, page 237.
[5] For form of invitation, see Appendix, page 249.



CHRIST CHURCH.

SECOND STREET ABOVE MARKET, PHILADELPHIA.



THE SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH

The Order of Service, printed by Messrs. Rising and Radcliffe, of Pittsburgh, was as follows (the *Cantate Domino* and the *Benedic anima mea* being by Garrett, and the anthem by Sir Arthur Sullivan):

Order of Service

Commemorating the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging

at

Christ Church

in the City of Philadelphia



Sunday, September 24th

A. D. 1911 -- A. L. 5911

BY PERMISSION OF THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE

Prepared by

The Right Reverend Cortlandt Whitehead, S.T.D.

Bishop of Pittsburgh and Grand Chaplain

BY DIRECTION OF

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

AND AUTHORIZED FOR USE

ON THIS OCCASION

Order of Service

in Commemoration of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at Christ Church, in the City of Philadelphia

The Reverend Louis C. Washburn, D.D.
Rector

On Sunday afternoon, the twenty-fourth day of September, Anno Domini nineteen-eleven

Processional Hymn, 470

TUNE: *Old Hundred.*

ALL people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His flock, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

3 Oh, enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure. Amen.

¶ *The Minister shall begin the Service by reading the following* Sentences of Scripture, *all standing.*

ECCLESIASTICUS 44.

LET us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us.

The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through His great power from the beginning.

* * *

Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge of learning meet for the people, wise and eloquent in their instructions.

All these were honoured in their generations and were the glory of their times.

* * *

With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance, and their children are within the covenant.

* * *

Their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out.

* * *

Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.

* * *

The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will show forth their praise.

* * *

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

Then shall be read responsively the following PSALMS:

PSALM 111. *Confitebor tibi.*

I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart: secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour: and His righteousness endureth for ever.

4 The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done His marvellous works: that they ought to be had in remembrance.

5 He hath given meat unto them that fear Him: He shall ever be mindful of His covenant.

6 He hath showed His people the power of His works: that He may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of His hands are verity and judgment: all His commandments are true.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant for ever; holy and reverend is His Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Psalm 133. *Ecce, quam bonum!*

BEHOLD, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard: even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

3 Like as the dew of Hermon: which fell upon the hill of Sion.

4 For there the Lord promised His blessing: and life for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read by the Reverend William B. Chalfant, D.D., one of the Grand Chaplains, the* First Lesson,

Proverbs, chapter 3, verses 13 to 26 inclusive

¶ *Then shall be sung:*

Cantate Domino. Psalm xcviii.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvellous things.

With His own right hand, and with His holy arm: hath He gotten Himself the victory.

The Lord declared His salvation: His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered His mercy and truth toward the house of Israel: and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp: sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and shawms: O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord: for He cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall He judge the world: and the people with equity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall be read by the Rev. George W. McLaughlin, D.D., one of the Grand Chaplains, the SECOND LESSON,

1 Peter, chapter 2, verses 11 to 17 inclusive

Then shall be sung:

Benedic, anima mea. PSALM ciii.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, praise His holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of His, ye that excel in strength: ye that fulfil His commandment, and hearken unto the voice of His word.

O praise the Lord, all ye His hosts: ye servants of His that do His pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of His, in all places of His dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

And after that, these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling; the Minister first pronouncing,

The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Let us pray.
O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us Thy salvation.

Minister. O Lord, save the State.

Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.

Minister. Endue Thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. And make Thy chosen people joyful.

Minister. O Lord, save Thy people.

Answer. And bless Thine inheritance.

Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer. For it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ *Then shall be said the* COLLECT FOR THE DAY, *with other Prayers.*

KEEP, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Here followeth the Anthem.

PSALM 59, verses 16, 9, 17.

I WILL sing of Thy power, O God, and will praise Thy mercy betimes in the morning; for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

My strength will I ascribe unto Thee; for Thou art the God of my refuge.

Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing; for Thou, O God, art my refuge, and my merciful God.

Here, all standing, the Right Reverend Cortlandt Whitehead, S.T.D., one of the Grand Chaplains, shall say:

BRETHREN: Having in mind that we are met together to commemorate the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, organized and inaugurated one hundred and twenty-five years ago, I bid you hold in grateful remembrance the Founders of this Grand Lodge, and here especially Brothers of honored memory

William Adcock.....R. W. Grand Master
Alexander Rutherford.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Jonathan Bayard Smith.....R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Joseph Dean.....R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Gavin Hamilton.....R. W. Grand Treasurer
Assheton Humphreys.....R. W. Grand Secretary

I bid you give thanks to Almighty God, the Great Architect of the Universe, for the noble men who all along the history of this Grand Lodge have exemplified the high ideals of our Fraternity, have been fearless in the advocacy of its rights and privileges, have guarded and directed and served the Grand Lodge as officers or members, and have brought it to its present place of honor and usefulness.

I bid you, as good citizens and good Freemasons, pray for the President of the United States, for the Governor of this State, for the Grand Master of this Jurisdiction, and for all others in authority; that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may, above all things, seek God's honor and glory; and that we and all the people, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them, in God, and for God, according to His blessed Word and ordinance; to the welfare of this whole land and nation, and of this Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

And I bid you pray for yourselves and all other Brethren of the Craft, that we may avoid those things that are contrary to our profession, and may follow all such things as are agreeable to the same—that, as we have entered into the labors of other men, and are profited thereby, so we may labor, that in their time other men may enter into ours, to the fulfilling of God's will and the betterment of the world.

In behalf of all these things, let us together, with one heart and voice, offer the Prayer our Lord hath taught us:

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth; As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then shall be sung Hymn 460.

TUNE: *Leoni.*

THE God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of love:
Jehovah, great I AM,
By earth and heaven confest;
I bow and bless the sacred Name,
Forever blest.

2 He by Himself hath sworn,
I on His oath depend,
I shall, on angel-wings upborne,
To heaven ascend:
I shall behold His face,
I shall His power adore,
And sing the wonders of His grace
For evermore.
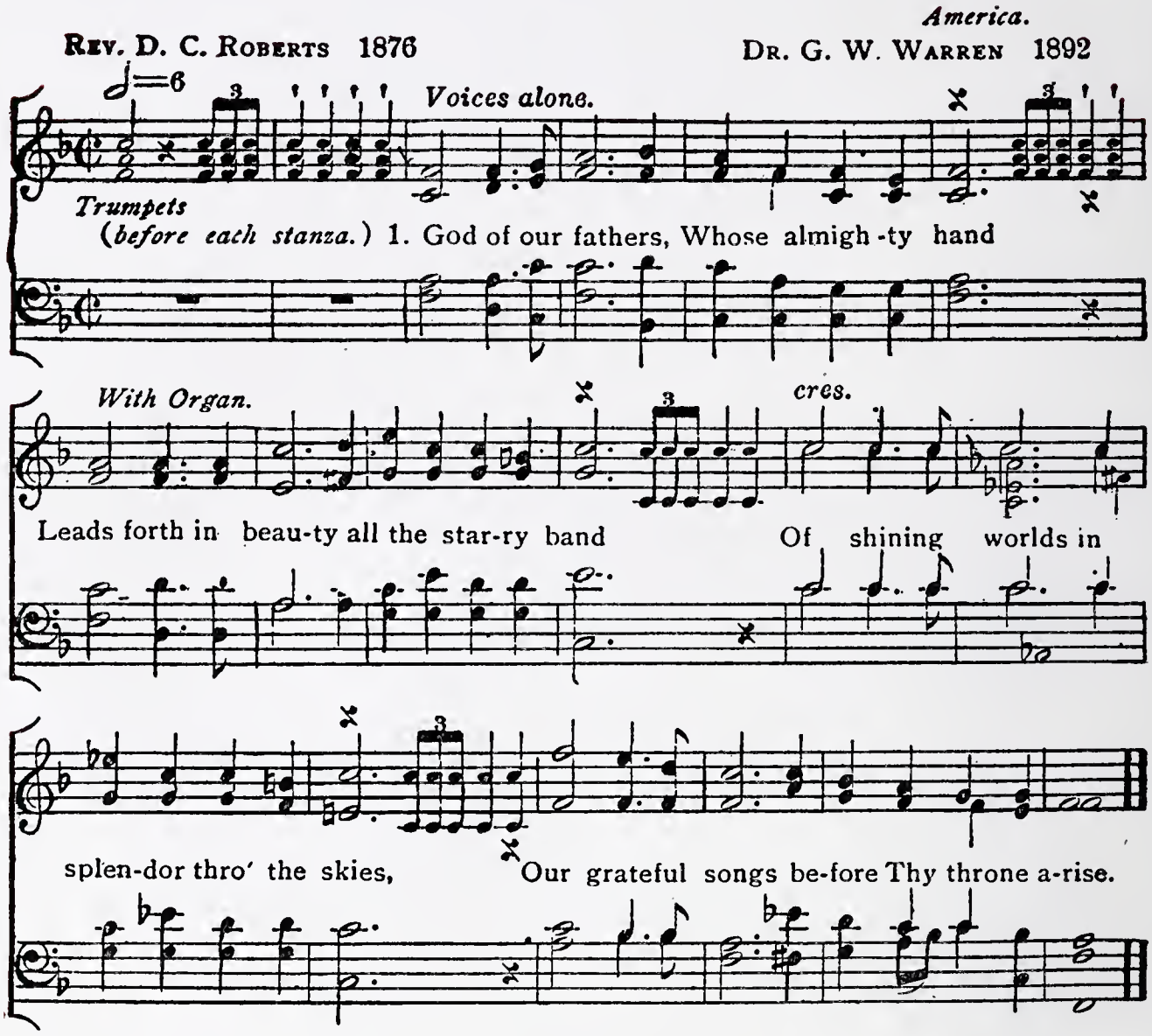
3 There dwells the Lord, our King,
The Lord, our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace;
On Sion's sacred height
His kingdom He maintains,
And, glorious with His saints in light,
Forever reigns. Amen.

The Sermon

By the RIGHT REVEREND JAMES HENRY DARLINGTON,
Doctor of Divinity,
Bishop of Harrisburg and Grand Chaplain.

Then shall be sung Hymn 194.

God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand



2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defence;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud and praise be ever Thine.

The above hymn was written for and first sung at the Centennial, 1876. It was sung at the Centennial of the Adoption of the Constitution of the United States; at the Peace Congress in New York; and at the Ter-Centennary celebration of the founding of the first Colony at Jamestown; also at the Sesqui-Centennial of the City of Pittsburgh, 1908.

Then shall be said this Prayer:

BLESSED be Thy Name, O God, that Thou didst put it into the hearts of Thy servants, our forefathers, to found this Grand Lodge, and that Thou didst safely guide them in their purpose and endeavor. We offer unto Thee high praise and hearty thanks for their sturdy characters and simple lives, their zeal for righteousness, their pioneer labors, and all the splendid heritage which by Thy good Providence they have bequeathed to us. For these and all Thy mercies in succeeding years, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; beseeching Thee to enable us to show forth our thankfulness by a right use of our inheritance, and by a sincere and resolute consecration of ourselves and all that Thou hast entrusted to us, to the honor of Thy great Name. *Amen.*

The Blessing

THE Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Hymn 196

TUNE: *America.*

OUR fathers' God! to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

2 Bless Thou our native land!
Firm may she ever stand,
Through storm and night;
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

3 For her our prayer shall rise
To God, above the skies;
On Him we wait;
Thou Who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry,
God save the State! Amen.

Retrocessional Hymn, 418

TUNE: *St. Anne.*

O GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home. Amen.

The Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge

George W. Guthrie.....R. W. Grand Master

William L. Gorgas.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master

J. Henry Williams.....R. W. Senior Grand Warden

Louis A. Watres.....R. W. Junior Grand Warden

William B. Hackenburg.....R. W. Grand Treasurer

William A. Sinn.....R. W. Grand Secretary



James Henry Darlington

BISHOP OF HARRISBURG AND GRAND CHAPLAIN.

SERMON AT CHRIST CHURCH BY THE RIGHT REVEREND JAMES HENRY DARLINGTON, PH.D., D.D., LL.D.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, Fourth Chapter and Twenty-second verse. "All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household."

One hundred and twenty-five years ago to-morrow, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Territories Thereunto Belonging was closed forever, and the same day the present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, was opened a Sovereign and Independent Body; and "the first procession of the Grand Lodge since the declaration of its independency and separation from the *Masonic* government and authority of *Foreign* jurisdiction," as the "Pennsylvania Packet" of December 27, 1786, tells us, was on St. John the Evangelist's Day following, to St. Paul's Church in this City, where "after the proper Divine Service of the day," a prayer was delivered by the Rector, the Rev. Samuel Magaw, D.D., and a charity sermon preached by the Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D.D., Rector of the United Churches of Trinity, St. Thomas and All Saints, the text being "We love him because He first loved us." First Epistle of St. John, Fourth Chapter and Nineteenth verse.

To-day, I have selected the text just named; "All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of CAESAR's household."

As Masons, proud of SOLOMON's Temple and the works of all good architects the world over, we cannot but recall the great imperial palace of Rome, the world's metropolis, when ruled by heathen tyrants. Later, with CONSTANTINE the Great, Christianity became a state religion, but, at the time this letter was written, to be a Hebrew or a Christian, and not worship the heathen gods of Rome was to be suspected, persecuted, and, if found guilty, to be put to death in most horrible and cruel ways. Torture of many kinds; death by burning as human torches; mangling by lions and other wild beasts in the arena; and fines, banishing, and imprisonments; were to be expected if found out. Polytheism, or the worship of many gods, was commanded, and the marble statues of the numerous deities were everywhere seen. Monotheism, or the worship of One True GOD, was forbidden, and Jew and Christian must suffer if the fact of participating in such worship were proven. NERO, though indescribably base, and guilty of many murders, was acclaimed himself as a god by the rabble, and seemed pleased by the flattery. Yet, St. PAUL, a Roman citizen, by birth a Hebrew, writes, "the saints of CAESAR's household salute you." No wonder he did

not give the names. If found by heathen informers, it would have proven a death list to every one named.

This secret fellowship stood for God and righteousness nearly two thousand years ago, and it is their greeting that St. Paul sends in our text, to the similar band in Philippi.

The great objection in many minds to Freemasonry is that it is a secret fraternity, and that as Brethren we are bound together by oaths, and recognize each other the world over by signs and grips and pass words. But, here, as elsewhere, by their fruits we may distinguish the meritorious from the harmful, and the influence of Masonry has been so elevating, benign and salutary, that this objection to it as a secret fraternity has almost ceased to be urged.

The world is coming to a just and equitable decision, as it always does in time. Secrecy is not wrong, unless it is secrecy for evil purposes. Combination or the union of man to man is praiseworthy, if for public and private good. We may hold all the secrets we wish, if we will be ready to have the light of day shine upon them in that day when Holy Scripture tells us, "the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed."

Without their secret places of worship in the catacombs and underground burial vaults of Rome, and their faithfulness to each other, the saints of Caesar's palace could not have lived to send greetings to anyone.

Another criticism is, that we Masons are selfish, as it is alleged we seek our own improvement and enjoyment, not making charity to the poor our primary object. The same objection can be raised against all schools and colleges. They aid and develop those who attend them and not outsiders. But is not the drawing out of character, and the drawing together of hundreds of thousands of strong men and good citizens a sufficient purpose and accomplishment, leaving to the Church and various societies a special task of helping the poor? We do have our benevolent work, and if we take care of needy Brethren and their families, we are accomplishing much to aid both Church and State. What better evidence of this charitable intention can be asked for than the Homes, with nearly a thousand acres of farm land, at Elizabethtown, which we are to visit Tuesday, and which soon will have many cozy, comfortable houses for aged and unfortunate Masons and their wives?

To-day, merely mentioning and briefly answering these criticisms, let us rejoice in the history of the last one hundred and twenty-five years. How much has been accomplished for human freedom and brotherhood from Seventeen hundred and eighty-six to Nineteen hundred and eleven! Republic after Republic has been formed in widely separated parts of the earth, and probably with all these political and social changes Freemasonry has had something to do.

Common schools for children, free of cost to the scholars, are now the rule almost everywhere. Daily and weekly newspapers spreading the cause of democracy and good government; free libraries in most towns; free parks, bathing houses, play grounds; free hospitals, dispensaries and sanitoriums; all these were unheard of one hundred and twenty-five years ago. The principle of brotherhood ramifying everywhere is partly at least due to the truths inculcated by our Ancient Craft.

What for the future? I hope a greater activity and usefulness. If Freemasonry is alive, as we believe and testify today, then it must grow. It must be more than an organization, it is, and must be, an organism. We will not forget the precepts handed down to us by our fathers, but, while holding firm to the past must add to it, that which naturally belongs to it and is its proper completion. What has been, must not close our eyes to that which should be, and, with the blessing of the Great Architect, will be. "*Nulla vestigia retrorsum*": "No steps backward"; is the old Latin motto. While we rejoice to-day over the One Hundred and Twenty-five years that are past, let us rejoice equally for the opportunity of this year and all the years to come. To be worthy of our sires and mystic Fraternity, we must do more for God and human fellowship than has ever been attempted before.

The latest and greatest conclusion of psychology is, that all teaching must be followed by resultant action; that it is suicidal to feed the mind, and then not give it the exercise and pleasure of action. Secret instruction must be followed by open action, or there will be "arrested development," which always means mental death.

"He's true to God who's true to man; wherever wrong is done
To the humblest and the weakest 'neath the all-beholding sun,
That wrong is also done to us; and they are slaves most base
Whose love of right is for themselves, and not for all their race."

In the great song of Moses, recorded in the Book of Exodus, after the crossing of the Red Sea, we read "Jehovah hath triumphed gloriously," but right afterwards we also read the reason of that triumph: "Jehovah is a man of war." Though usually called a song of triumph, it is also called the battle hymn of God's Covenant people Israel, who fought and suffered for the Holy cause and triumphed through conflict and toil.

Lodge and Grand Lodge meetings must be more than pleasant reunions. They must be recruiting and rallying times, when practical forward work can be placed before all assembled, so that each one, no matter how humble, may claim part in giving up by

self sacrifice and taking up by labor, worthy things for God and humanity. More Lodges grow weak for want of tasks, than because too much is asked of them.

There are other temples to build beside that of Solomon, and there are more wrongs to be avenged than the murder of a Grand Master at Jerusalem several thousand years ago, there are more duties than vindicating his loyalty and character. We must attempt present day duties and journeys, if we are not unworthy of the "brave deeds of old." More light in Masonry was our first desire. More work and far-sighted vision for Masonry should be our prayer to-day.

May the Great Architect open our eyes, and help us to read aright the signs of the times, that individually and collectively, as members of the Grand Lodge, with power to direct, we may be alert to lead and inspire our Brother Masons of Pennsylvania, to give to the whole world a higher and a better life!

Let me ask you to rise, while I lead your devotions in the very petitions, and self-same words, of the prayer offered by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Magaw on St. John the Evangelist's Day, 1786:

"O thou who sittest between the Cherubims! eternal in excellency! and *builder* of all worlds! Wisdom, strength and beauty dwell with thee! Thy Being we adore! thy works we view with wonder! and in the midst of these, the

pillars of thy temple, we trace the Stately footsteps of the GREAT I AM!—May the proportion, order and arrangement there so brightly visible, convey an assimilating influence to the temple of human minds!

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"We ask these further gifts to crown our happiness. The tenderest feeling of our neighbor's woe: the grace and generosity to share in other's sorrows, as well as joys; the will and the ability to show we love as brethren.

"That as shriners in the same venerable sanctuary, every association among them may be holiness to the Lord; that these states may prosper, and all the people praise thee—be pleased, thou Lover of Concord! to continue our National Confederacy: May its glory still appear; and the goodly fellowship pass along with increasing character of Millions yet unborn.

"May all that can make great and free, and happy, distinguish the land we live in! Let it be blessed of the Most High, for the precious things of the earth and the fullness thereof! Let our men be not few, nor unacceptable to their brethren! May our sons grow up as the young plants, and our daughters be as the polished corners of the Temple.—

"May the law of science burn clear in these climes of freedom; and our Golden Candlesticks never be removed! May wisdom competent to every exigence, and fortitude superior to danger be given! May incorruptible fidelity and care to execute the trust committed to them inspire our Civil Rulers, and all the Representatives of the people.—

"Finally—that we may remain the object of thy loving kindness—a People whom the Lord Jehovah will defend and prosper; and whose prosperity he will be in the midst of, forever."

THE CELEBRATION AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE

THE CELEBRATION

Monday, September the twenty-fifth, was a fine Autumn day, clear and mild.

The Brethren began to arrive early, and shortly before noon, after five hundred or more of the Craft had assembled in Corinthian Hall, the procession entered.

The following was the Order of Procession, printed in blue:

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M.

CELEBRATION *of the* 125th ANNIVERSARY *of the* Independence of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge *of the* MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA, *and* MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING, *held in* MASONIC TEMPLE, *in the* CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, *on* MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, *A. D.* 1911, *A. L.* 5911, *at* HIGH TWELVE.

ORDER OF PROCESSION

FIRST PROCESSION

To be formed in Renaissance Hall.

Assistant Grand Marshal:

BRO. CHARLES S. WOOD.

Trustees and Members of Committees:

BRO. STOCKTON BATES.
BRO. JOSEPH W. MURRAY.
BRO. THEO. E. WIEDERSHEIM.
BRO. JOHN L. THOMSON.
BRO. EDWARD PERRY.
BRO. EDWARD B. SPENCER.
BRO. HENRY F. MITCHELL.
BRO. ROBERT W. MONTGOMERY.
BRO. S. KINGSTON MCCAY.
BRO. GEORGE W. SPIESE.
BRO. H. OSCAR KLINE.
BRO. EDMUND D. SCHOLEY.
BRO. THOMAS R. PATTON.
BRO. SAMUEL W. WRAY.
BRO. HENRY W. SMITH.
BRO. JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON.
BRO. SAMUEL B. WILLS.
BRO. LOUIS WAGNER.
BRO. EDWIN S. STUART.
BRO. GEORGE W. KENDRICK, 3D.

Bro. Walter B. Smith.
Bro. Thomas C. Stellwagen.
Bro. James B. Krause.
Bro. David F. Collingwood.
Bro. Edward W. Patton.
Bro. Abraham M. Beitler.
Bro. Henry M. Dechert.
Bro. Daniel Baird.
Bro. Casper Dull.
Bro. George C. Burgwin.
Bro. Murdoch Kendrick.
Bro. William B. Broomall.
Bro. Charles F. Wignall.
Bro. William N. Seibert.
Bro. George A. Howe.
Bro. James McConnell.
Bro. Edward T. Roberts.
Bro. A. Howard Thomas.
Bro. William D. Asnip.
Bro. Thomas J. S. Nicely.
Bro. Z. Taylor Rickards.
Bro. William H. Bellows.
Bro. Edward A. Stockton.
Bro. G. Ellwood Wagner.
Bro. Theodore Evans.
Bro. George McCurdy.
Bro. Hibbert P. John.
Bro. M. Richards Mucklé.
Bro. Thomas L. Latta.
Bro. Charles Chipman.
Bro. John Wanamaker.
Bro. I. Layton Register.
Bro. Samuel W. Latta.
Bro. Norris S. Barratt.
Bro. John L. Kinsey.
Bro. George S. Graham.

Assistant Grand Tyler:

Bro. J. Harry Hughes.

SECOND PROCESSION

To be formed in Ionic Hall.

Assistant Grand Marshal:

BRO. CARL A. SUNDSTROM.

District Deputy Grand Masters:

Bro. Thomas D. Finletter.
Bro. John M. Walton.
Bro. Samuel A. Boyle.
Bro. Robert R. Bringhurst.
Bro. George Hale.
Bro. Thomas H. Fenton.

Bro. John W. Lansinger.
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Bro. Samuel Hamilton.
Bro. William H. Maxwell.
Bro. John G. Broad.
Bro. Richard E. Cochran.
Bro. George B. Frantz.
Bro. Frederick L. Smith.
Bro. Frederick A. Godcharles.
Bro. William D. McIlroy.
Bro. J. Harvey Harrison.

Grand Chaplains:

Bro. J. Gray Bolton.
Bro. William B. Chalfant.
Bro. George W. MacLaughlin.
Bro. Frank B. Lynch.
Bro. Charles H. Bond.
Bro. Thomas M. Jackson.
Bro. Robert Hunter.
Bro. William B. Wood.
Bro. David L. Ferris.
Bro. Richard Montgomery.

Assistant Grand Tyler:

Bro. Frank E. Townsend.

THIRD PROCESSION

To be formed in the Office of the R. W. Grand Master.

When this Procession reaches the entrance of Corinthian Hall, it will halt, open ranks to the right and left, facing inward, and the Officers and Guests of the Grand Lodge in reverse order will pass through to the East.

Grand Marshal:

BRO. J. WARNER HUTCHINS.

Grand Tyler:

BRO. WILLIAM B. JOSLYN.

Grand Pursuivant:

BRO. CHARLES S. BAIR.

Grand Stewards:

BRO. J. HARRIS MUSSINA.

BRO. HARRY J. BELL.

Junior Grand Deacon:

BRO. HARRY F. HAWKINS.

Senior Grand Deacon:

BRO. JAMES M. LAMBERTON.

Grand Chaplains:

BRO. JAMES W. ROBINS.

BRO. JAMES H. DARLINGTON.

BRO. CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD.

BRO. JOSEPH KRAUSKOPF.

Of Committee on Celebration:

BRO. GEORGE B. WELLS.

BRO. ADOLPH EICHHOLZ.

BRO. HENRY DARRACH.

BRO. THOMAS F. PENMAN.

Orators of the Day:

BRO. EDGAR FAHS SMITH.

BRO. SAMUEL BLACK MCCORMICK.

Visiting M. W. Grand Masters:

BRO. FRANK W. HAVENS,
M. W. G. Secretary, representing the M. W. G. M. of Connecticut.

BRO. J. CLAUDE KEIPER,
M. W. G. M. of District of Columbia.

Bro. William H. Swintz,
M. W. G. M. of Indiana.

Bro. Charles H. Wiggin,
M. W. G. M. of New Hampshire.

Bro. Wendell R. Davis,
R.W.D.G.M. of Rhode Island.

Bro. Gilbert B. Pfoutz,
M. W. G. M. of Utah.

Bro. William B. McChesney,
M. W. G. M. of Virginia.

Bro. Wyndham Stokes,
M. W. G. M. of West Virginia.

Bro. Garrett L. Grier,
M. W. G. M. of Delaware.

Bro. Henry T. Burnap,
R W. S. G. W., representing the M. W. G. M. of Illinois.

R. W. PAST GRAND MASTERS:

Bro. Edgar A. Tennis.

Bro. George W. Kendrick, Jr.

Bro. George B. Orlady.

BRO. JOHN A. PERRY,
Acting R. W. Grand Secretary.

BRO. WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG,
R. W. Grand Treasurer.

BRO. LOUIS A. WATRES,
R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

BRO. J. HENRY WILLIAMS,
R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

BRO. WILLIAM L. GORGAS,
R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

BRO. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE,
R. W. Grand Master.

His Excellency BRO. JOHN K. TENER,
Governor of Pennsylvania.

BRO. GEORGE M. McCANDLESS,
Grand Sword Bearer.

After the close of the Grand Lodge, the Third Procession will withdraw in the same order in which it entered, and retire to the place from which it set out.

The programme of the exercises in the Grand Lodge, fastened together with a purple ribbon, and enclosed in a purple envelope (made by Messrs. Longhead & Co., of Philadelphia) was as follows:


GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA





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CELEBRATION

OF THE

125th Anniversary

OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF

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FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA,

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HELD IN THE MASONIC TEMPLE

IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

on Monday, September the Twenty-fifth, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911

at High Twelve

PROGRAMME

1 GRAND MARCH—Orchestra . . . . . *Mendelssohn*

Entrance of the Officers and Guests of the Grand Lodge

2 OPENING OF THE GRAND LODGE

3 PRAYER . . . . . BROTHER JAMES W. ROBINS
Grand Chaplain

4 CHORUS WITH TENOR SOLO—"The Omnipotence" . *Schubert-Liszt*

5 ADDRESS— . . . . . BROTHER GEORGE W. GUTHRIE
R. W. Grand Master of
Pennsylvania

6 CAVATINA—Orchestra . . . . . *Raff*

7 ADDRESS—Historical . . . BROTHER J. HENRY WILLIAMS
R. W. Senior Grand Warden of
the Grand Lodge of
Pennsylvania

8 CHORUS—"To the Sons of Art" . . . . *Mendelssohn*

9 ADDRESS—"Free Masonry and Education" BROTHER EDGAR FAHS SMITH
Provost of the University of
Pennsylvania

10 CHORUS—"The Heavens Resound" . . . . *Beethoven*

11 ADDRESS—"Free Masonry and Character"
BROTHER SAMUEL BLACK MCCORMICK
Chancellor of the University of
Pittsburgh

12 OVERTURE—"Jubel" . . . . . *Weber*
(Concluding with "My Country! 'tis of Thee")
ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS

13 GREETINGS FROM THE VISITING M. W. GRAND MASTERS

14 CLOSING OF THE GRAND LODGE

15 PRAYER . . . . . BROTHER JOSEPH KRAUSKOPF
Grand Chaplain

Withdrawal of the Officers and Guests of the Grand Lodge



MASONIC TEMPLE,

PHILADELPHIA.

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" GAVIN HAMILTON, R. W. Grand Treasurer
" ASSHETON HUMPHREYS, R. W. Grand Secretary

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" THOMAS F. PENMAN, P. M. Lodge No. 323
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Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia,

September 25, A.D. 1911, A.L. 5911.

PRESENT:

Bro.	George W. Guthrie. . . .	R. W. Grand Master.
"	William L. Gorgas. . . .	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
"	J. Henry Williams . . .	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
"	Louis A. Watres.	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
"	William B. Hackenburg . .	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
"	John A. Perry	Deputy Grand Secretary, Acting R. W. Grand Secretary.
"	Edgar A. Tennis . . .	R. W. Past Grand Masters.
"	George W. Kendrick, Jr.	
"	George B. Orlady . . .	
"	Samuel A. Boyle . . .	District Deputy Grand Masters.
"	Robert R. Bringhurst. .	
"	Thomas H. Fenton. . .	
"	George Hale	
"	John W. Lansinger . .	
"	William M. Donaldson .	
"	Samuel M. Goodyear . .	
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"	David H. Weaver . . .	
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"	James N. Richards. . .	

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" Frederick L. Smith . .
" Frederic A. Godcharles .
" William D. McIlroy . .
" J. Harvey Harrison . .

Rev. Bro. James W. Robins, D.D. . . . .
Rt. Rev. Bro. Cortlandt Whitehead, S.T.D. } Grand Chaplains.
Rev. Bro. J. Gray Bolton, D.D. . . . . .

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" "	Frank B. Lynch, D.D.	
" "	Charles H. Bond	
" "	Thomas M. Jackson	
" "	Robert Hunter, D.D.	
" "	Joseph Krauskopf, D.D.	
" "	David L. Ferris	
" "	Richard Montgomery	
Bro.	James M. Lamberton	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	Harry F. Hawkins.	Junior Grand Deacon.
"	J. Harris Mussina.	Grand Steward.
"	Harry J. Bell	Grand Steward.
"	J. Warner Hutchins	Grand Marshal.
"	George M. McCandless	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	Charles S. Bair	Grand Pursuivant.
"	William B. Joslyn	Grand Tyler.

Brethren, members of and visitors to the Grand Lodge, representing three hundred and fifty-eight Lodges, were present. The following Brethren were specially selected to represent their Lodges at this celebration:

2. John Middleton.
3. Harry J. Johnson.
9. George F. Carson.
19. Charles Mortimoore.
21. Robert W. Hoy.
22. James H. McDevitt.
25. George W. Rapp.
43. Martin M. Harnish.
45. Frederick C. Rommel.
51. Joseph M. Reeves.
52. Daniel McAvoy.
59. John Baxter.
60. Rinard R. Bulger.
61. Oscar J. Harvey.
62. Charles H. Williamson, Jr.
67. Eugene Ziegler.
71. Robert H. Tecklenburg.

72. Henry S. Reed.
75. Isaac W. Fry.
81. William O. Finley.
91. Abraham Ostheim.
106. Herbert Russell Laird.
108. Lester R. Frost.
114. Gideon Sibley.
115. Francis J. Callahan.
121. J. Willison Smith.
125. William F. Koelle.
126. John Weaver.
130. Wm. Henry McMillan.
131. William K. Ridge.
134. Wilbur F. Litch.
135. James E. Lord.
138. Hiester S. Albright.
143. Edmund J. Heart.
144. Thomas C. Thornton.
152. Edwin Levin Raub.
153. John T. Rogers.
155. Joseph L. Woolston.
156. Daniel E. Helm.
158. Howard R. Gessner.
164. William B. Ritchie.
186. Charles W. Boger.
187. John B. Patterson.
190. Lewis G. Stritzinger.
194. Martin L. Wagenseller.
197. John P. Culbertson.
199. James Harris Mussina.
203. Dyson Fisher.
211. Jacob Glaser Dunn.
218. William H. Hulsizer.
219. Frank D. Hartman.
220. Samuel McCurdy.
221. Eli Edmundson, Jr.
222. Thomas C. Phillips.
223. Archy F. Toy.
224. Thomas B. Evans.
225. Jesse E. B. Cunningham.
226. Charles Vincent Henry.
227. Jacob H. McConnell.
228. Robert E. Umbel.
230. John E. Christian.
231. John M. Frey.
233. Fred A. Rewdle.
234. Adrian W. McCoy.
236. Robert H. Castle.
238. George R. Tracy.
239. John J. Daniels.
240. William A. Titsworth.
241. Carl A. Wheelock.
242. Laird H. Barber.
243. Harry L. Dunlap.
244. Erald A. White.
245. Burgoyne Rayton.
246. William H. Maneely.
248. Bradley W. Lewis.
249. William R. Baker.
250. John C. Owsley.
253. Arthur R. Greenwood.
254. Sylvester B. Moser.
255. Daniel D. Heim.
256. Thomas C. Heinen.
258. W. Ellison Wormald.
259. George E. Beitsch.
260. Irvin E. Greenwood.
261. Virgil H. Crisman.
262. Thomas D. White.
263. John B. Edwards.

265. Harvey A. McKillip.
266. Murphy A. Mitzel.
268. Hammon Sechler.
269. Harry J. Weimar.
270. J. Harry Filbert.
271. Joseph Martin.
272. William A. Stein.
273. John M. Afflick.
274. Benjamin Eiseman.
275. Joseph D. Houston.
276. Cyrus H. Blood.
277. Otto E. Von de Heyde.
278. Harry A. Shields.
281. Timothy Davis.
282. Harry A. Jacobs.
283. Charles H. Wenhold.
284. Henry H. Riegel.
285. Thomas E. Ferrebec.
286. William S. Oberlin.
287. George R. Shidle.
288. Carl W. Blumer.
289. William J. Barr.
290. William R. Holden.
291. James F. Wardle.
292. S. Everett Pendlebury.
294. Walter G. Treibly.
295. Samuel M. Clement.
296. William Dounton.
297. William H. Alexander.
298. Joseph E. Quinby.
299. Harris Alvin Spotts.
300. Richard J. Faust.
302. Robert H. Thomas, Jr.
305. Lewis P. Cooke.
306. Albert Morgan.
307. Charles P. Schaeffer.
308. Franklin C. Nash.
309. Samuel M. Davis.
310. Mayne R. Longstreth.
311. James Weidman.
312. Leonard S. Jones.
313. McClellan Gordon.
314. O. Bruce Porter.
315. George B. Cole.
316. Martin Aigner.
317. Harry E. Webster.
318. Ernest S. Youden.
319. James T. Alter.
320. William E. Beam.
321. John Reid, Jr.
322. Curtis H. Hannum.
323. William G. Robertson.
324. William L. Hoopes.
325. Charles D. Brodhead.
326. Howard L. Hertzog.
327. Thomas Henderson.
332. Christopher Wren.
333. William L. Yocum.
334. Thomas R. Clark.
335. Benjamin A. Harris.
336. Dan A. Skelly.
337. John P. Norman.
338. Frederick A. Schumaker.
339. J. Mathias Davis.
340. Albert H. Thomas.
342. Ernest L. Wentworth.
343. George M. D. Hunter.
344. William F. Beck.
345. Joseph A. Wagner.
346. Henry Rhodes.

348. William A. Bair.
349. Charles S. Kline.
352. Hiram Hathaway.
353. Albert E. Townsend.
354. Lebbens T. Seward.
355. George W. Davis.
357. Phaon Hermany.
358. Charles F. Uhl, Jr.
359. Albert C. Ehmann.
360. William Erenstone.
361. G. Arthur Rea.
362. Alured P. Burton.
363. William J. Gealy.
364. Harry G. Bogar.
366. James A. Hodgens.
367. Otto T. E. Bautze.
368. Joseph H. Noble.
369. Hibbert P. John.
370. Harry M. Showalter.
371. Harry C. McClellan.
374. Eleazer D. Cawley.
375. Edward L. Cuthbert.
376. Charles M. Johnson.
377. George C. Bordner.
378. James H. Smith.
380. H. Townsend Wilson.
381. W. Homer Hoopes.
382. Irvin K. Hockley.
383. Charles F. Humpton.
384. Charles Lehr.
385. George J. Schaefer.
386. George Dixon.
388. Ralph E. Burdick.
390. Frank H. MacKnight.
391. William H. Denlinger.
392. Frank McSparren.
393. William Spence.
395. James H. Franck.
396. Howard A. Hartzell.
397. Dietrich Lamade.
398. Alvin H. Miller.
399. George H. Bostwick.
400. Harry J. Hinds.
401. William Field Shay.
402. William Ryan.
405. S. Marple Lemmon.
406. Brady L. Sellers.
408. Albert R. Huidekoper.
409. William H. Brown.
410. William Schopfel.
411. John K. McClure.
413. Jacob S. Meyers.
414. C. Edward Allison.
415. Newton Landon.
417. William S. Hastings.
418. Olin McCabe.
419. William B. Kropp.
420. George F. Longaker.
426. Jacob W. Bittle.
427. Thomas C. Knowles.
430. Albert C. Patterson.
431. J. Sidwell Getty.
432. Franklin P. Mason.
433. J. Russell Urmson.
434. Thomas S. Bailey.
435. Milton W. Yocom.
436. George W. Loudenslager.
440. Robert H. Dalby.
441. Otto Robert Heiligman.
442. William E. Mannear.

443. J. Edward Omwake.
444. William Querns.
446. Allen M. F. Stiteler.
449. Frank Z. Beaston.
450. Edwin S. Saylor.
451. Harry P. Noss.
453. Vivian Frank Gable.
455. Jay C. Grove.
456. William McCoach, Sr.
459. John B. Sterling.
460. Harrison J. Conner.
461. Morrison J. West.
462. John H. Taylor.
464. William S. Snyder.
465. George W. Baker.
466. James F. Jacob.
467. Jesse C. Kline.
468. Jacob I. Shoemaker.
469. Alfred Y. Gerhard.
470. William Cope.
474. James A. Fleming.
475. John H. Voorhees.
476. Harvey I. Evans.
477. Charles H. Sweazey.
478. William F. Bell.
479. Elmer J. Shaneman.
481. James C. Enburg.
482. Martin Evoy.
484. Emson G. Brown.
486. Henry H. Rhodes.
487. Adam A. Lex.
490. Samuel B. Trees.
491. John L. Benzon.
493. Alonzo P. Cundey.
494. John K. Ray.
495. William T. Hunt.
496. John J. Kauffman.
499. Charles C. Bowman.
500. Walker R. Rodgers.
502. Elmer E. Hicks.
503. George W. Moore.
504. Frank H. Stookey.
506. Joseph H. Brown.
508. William B. Tipton.
510. Thomas J. Dowler.
511. Alexander Kinkaid.
512. Gordon H. Luckenbill.
513. John Weaver.
515. Arthur W. Baird.
516. Elias S. Miller.
518. Charles E. Whitten.
519. William D. Asnip.
520. David B. Sober.
523. Sumner D. Davis.
524. George W. Derrick.
525. Addison J. Sevin.
526. George H. Withers.
527. Harry K. Mundorf.
528. John W. Benson.
529. Howard W. Breitenstine.
530. Jabez A. Seamens.
531. Charles H. Cooke.
532. Charles F. Barclay.
534. Edgar E. North.
535. Frederick S. Weigel.
536. Henry C. Deible.
537. C. William Boozer.
538. George E. Hamilton.
539. James W. McAuliffe.
541. James H. Coppin.

542. William E. Clark, Jr.
543. I. Frank Oat.
545. J. Walter Jefferis.
546. John J. Anderson.
549. Jonathan Brintzenhoff.
551. Henry Clay Schoch.
552. Charles C. Reynolds.
553. Harry Seaser.
554. Clarence Moore.
557. Jay N. Bankhead.
558. Oscar Owen Hoffman.
559. James P. Lord.
561. Augustus F. Shick.
562. Robert P. Percy.
563. William H. Rentzheimer.
564. George W. Davy.
565. Gershom G. Blake.
566. David Howells.
567. Franklin S. Morris.
568. Samuel C. Wilson.
569. Alfred Clarke.
570. William T. Evans.
571. Allen B. Ketchum.
572. Charles B. Bush.
574. Allison Leslie Hegarty.
576. Charles R. F. Swartz.
577. Sydney J. McCabe.
578. Charles Boyd Galloway.
580. Frank E. Baldwin.
581. James W. Cooper.
582. Azor R. Hunt.
583. Albert A. Roehm.
585. Horace E. Campbell.
586. S. Stewart Etter.
587. John B. Graybill.
588. Edwin H. Ritter.
589. Charles R. Rhodes.
590. Jno. M. Lindsay.
591. Harry Weinmann.
593. Adam T. Darr.
594. Thomas Hewett.
595. John P. Kline.
596. Clayton D. Fretz.
597. Wallace M. MacKay.
598. Mark A. Hardie.
599. Victor H. Grove.
600. Frederick Merz.
601. Thomas A. Bollman.
605. Wm. Y. C. Anderson.
606. Horace St. Clair Thorn.
607. Francis C. Hammond.
608. John D. Mars.
609. John E. Poore.
610. Patrick Henry.
611. James W. Bayle.
612. Clarence T. Dupar.
613. Robert W. Williams.
614. Harry J. Bell.
615. Thomas R. Eagye.
616. Andrew S. Stayer.
618. George H. B. Terry.
619. Joseph L. Marks.
620. Charles I. Baker.
621. Jacob B. Zern.
622. Mark T. Swarts.
623. Philo V. Paul.
624. John B. Spencer.
625. Sellers Hoffman.
626. James P. Castner.
628. Charles H. Warman.

629. Frederick J. Smith.
630. Joseph A. Knox.
631. Samuel W. Latta.
632. J. Simpson Kline.
634. Benjamin S. Barbour.
635. Joseph W. I. McKnight.
636. Frederick W. Schaefer.
637. Harry J. Lerch.
639. David Baird Anderson.
641. James J. Calhoun.
642. Adelbert R. Kingsbury.
643. Charles J. McKean.
644. Frank R. Alter.
645. Samuel F. Clevenger.
646. Wallace R. Murfin.
647. William W. Wilson, Jr.
648. George W. Roland.
649. Howard W. Sheeler.
650. Lewis Rosser.
651. Lewis W. Fogg.
653. James B. Stafford.
654. Lester Wittenberg.
655. William P. Airey.
656. Robert P. McCurdy.
657. Albert Miller.
658. Thomas J. Graham.
659. John R. Fox.
660. Henry L. Sartorius.
661. Howard H. Yocum.
662. William C. Weaver.
665. Walter W. Moyer.
666. William H. Earnest.

The Grand Lodge was honored by the presence of the following visiting Brethren:

THE GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA,

His Excellency Bro. John K. Tener.

CONNECTICUT.

Bro. Frank W. Havens,

M. W. Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

Bro. G. Layton Grier,

M. W. Grand Master.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Bro. J. Claude Keiper,

M. W. Grand Master.

ILLINOIS.

Bro. Henry Thompson Burnap,

R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

MICHIGAN.

Bro. G. Roscoe Swift,

M. W. Past Grand Master.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Bro. Charles H. Wiggin,

M. W. Grand Master.

UTAH.

Bro. Gilbert B. Pfoutz,

M. W. Grand Master.

VIRGINIA.

Bro. William B. McChesney,

M. W. Grand Master.

WASHINGTON.

Bro. Royal A. Gove,

M. W. Past Grand Master.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Bro. Wyndham Stokes,

M. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Braxton D. Gibson,

M. W. Past Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 12 o'clock noon, and the Reverend Brother James W. Robins, D.D., Grand Chaplain, offered the following

PRAYER

O Eternal and Almighty God, our Creator, Preserver and Continual Benefactor, we approach the throne of the Heavenly Grace this day with grateful hearts and words of thanksgiving upon our lips. Gracious, art Thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. We bless Thy Holy Name for Thy guidance and protection of this Grand Lodge from its early days to the present hour of strength, peace and prosperity. We thank Thee for those worthy men who in the past years have wrought earnestly and faithfully to build upon firm foundations this body of Freemasons. They now rest from their labors. May they rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them! We beseech Thee, O Lord, to continue Thy goodness to this Grand Lodge. Bless Thy servants, the Grand Master and the other Officers, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same. And upon all the members of this Grand Lodge bestow Thy grace and heavenly benediction, that they may fully realize their responsibility, and by their upright lives and good example exercise a benign influence upon the several communities in which they dwell. Finally, O Almighty God, whose Kingdom is everlasting and power infinite, we pray Thee to have mercy upon this whole land, and so rule the hearts of Thy servants, The

President of the United States, The Governor of this State, and all others in authority, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek Thy honour and glory; and that we and all the People, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honour them in Thee and for Thee, according to Thy blessed Word and ordinance.

And now we desire to ascribe unto Thy Divine Majesty, as most justly due, all might and dominion, all power and glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

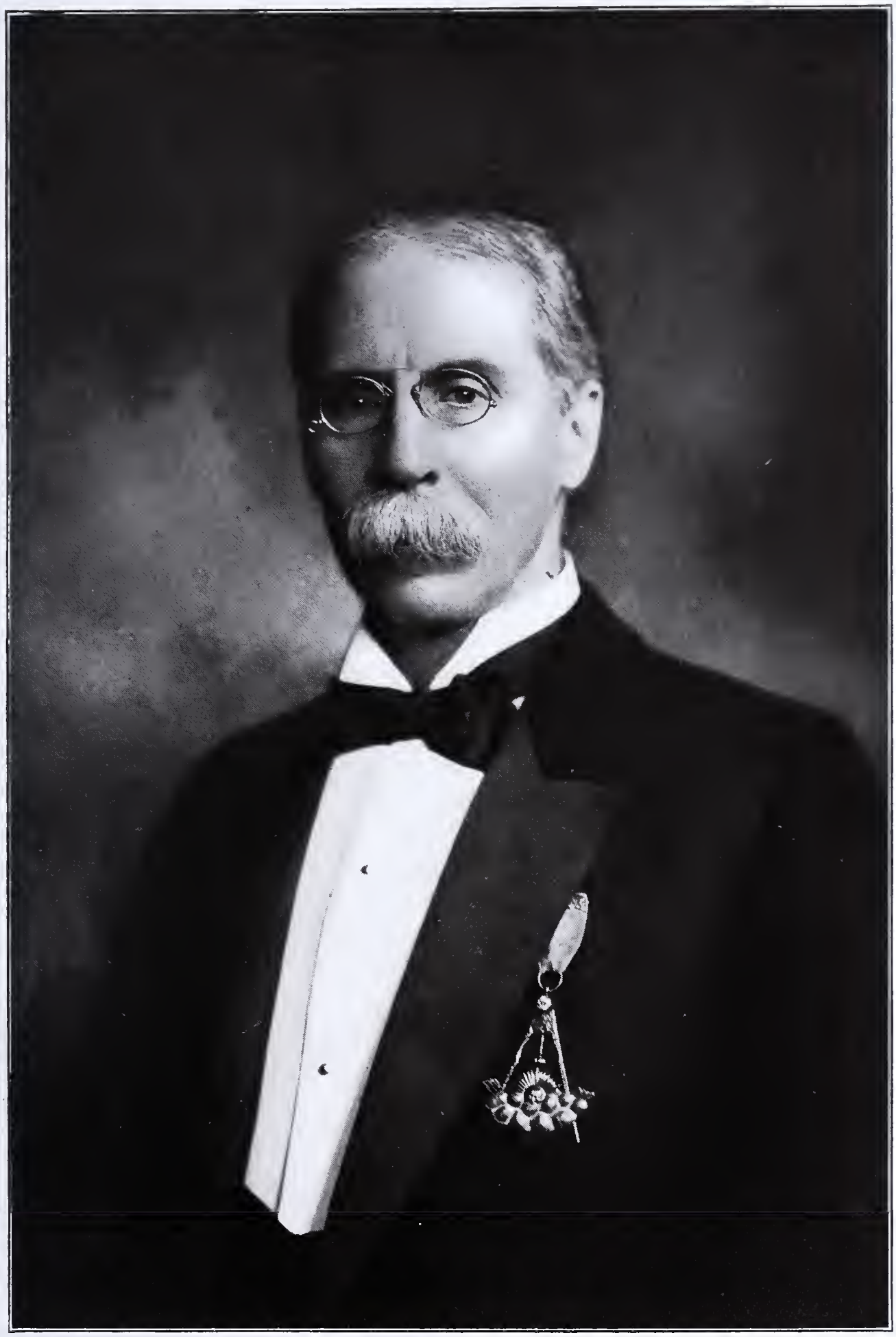
Response by the Brethren: So mote it be.

The Chorus sang "The Omnipotence," by Schubert-Liszt.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother George W. Guthrie, delivered the following

ADDRESS

Brethren—Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge and our Guests: Our hearts should be filled with gratitude today to the Great Architect of the Universe, Whom we reverently and lovingly call our Supreme Grand Master, for all the mercies and loving kindnesses which we have received from His hands, and the prosperity which has been with us as a Grand Lodge since that day, one hundred and twenty-five years ago, when this Grand Lodge took its place among the



George W. Lockhart

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Grand Lodges of the world as a Sovereign and Independent Body.

During all the years of weakness, of persecution and of prosperity through which we have passed since that auspicious day, His hand has been over us, His loving kindness has been with us, and His guidance has carried us forward to the prosperity which we this day enjoy. As you will learn from the historian, this Grand Lodge had some fifty odd years of existence as a Provincial Grand Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. In that position it continued through the Colonial period and through the stress and strain of the Revolutionary War. When peace had been restored and the independence of the United States acknowledged and this State established as a Sovereign State, the Provincial Grand Lodge, on the 25th day of September, 1786, on a Monday as today, closed its doors forever, and opened as a Sovereign Grand Lodge, thus starting upon a career of independence with the ardent hope that its work would be continued until time should be no more.

There was some confusion in re-establishing our relations with the Mother Grand Lodge, but finally it was accomplished. The notice of our action, when given to the Mother Grand Lodge, was acknowledged by them to be right and proper. They sent us the assurance of their fraternal good will and desire for

continued fraternal relations with us, and recognized us as a free and independent sovereignty, amenable to no human jurisdiction under heaven, and subject only to the immutable Landmarks of the Craft.

The principles thus enunciated, I am glad to say, have been the guiding principles of this Grand Lodge in all the years that have passed. We assert our independence of outside human control. We assert that the Grand Lodge has the right to live and work according to its unchangeable Landmarks, without any human supervision or control. We deny that any power, outside of the Grand Lodge itself, can impair or destroy it; and we deny that any man or body of men can change the Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks of Freemasonry. But, at the same time, we humbly acknowledge our dependence on Almighty God, the Sovereign Grand Architect of the Universe, and the supremacy of His laws as revealed to His children, and our duty to be good citizens and loyal to the government of the country in which we live.

Established in a new country, when it was fermenting with new ideas and new hopes, when social conventions and civic regulations were constantly changing, this Grand Lodge never faltered in its obedience to the Landmarks of the Fraternity, as established by the fathers. It never permitted itself to be swerved from this position by the desire of novelty, or by the hope of securing some temporary advantage or of

allaying some opposition, or of bringing the teachings of the Fraternity into accord with unstable social practices or personal beliefs.

The Landmarks of Freemasonry were established at a time concerning which even profane history now depends largely on traditions. They have been perpetuated through times and in countries when the safety of its Brethren depended upon a strict preservation of the secret of its very existence; and its secret work has been perpetuated solely by word of mouth through different languages, which, from time to time, have undergone radical changes. In view of this, the wonder is not that there should be any disagreement upon important points, but that there should be so little. Certainly in such disagreements there is nothing to justify a true and worthy Brother questioning the existence of "Landmarks" or asserting a right to change them intentionally.

Disagreements have arisen even in this Jurisdiction, but, in every instance, it has been the uniform practice of this Grand Lodge to seek to ascertain the truth from the obligations, from the Old Charges which have been preserved, and the traditions which have come down to us from the past; always bearing in mind that nothing can be accepted as true which conflicts with our duty to God, our country and our fellow man.

There is no sanctuary in Freemasonry for the atheist, the traitor, or the criminal.

We of today owe much to the wisdom and fidelity of our predecessors, who, by their loyal adherence to the Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks, have made this gathering a possibility. Let us always cherish their memory and strive to follow their example in this, as in other respects. May the inspiration of their lives be with us to keep us steadfast in the right!

While giving thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for all His loving kindness, let us give to Him special thanks for the opportunity for, and the inspiration to enter upon, the great work of the Fraternity which we have undertaken in the establishment of a Home for Masons, their wives, widows and orphans at Elizabethtown, where our Brothers, who, through misfortune, have failed in the struggles of life, may find a refuge and a home provided by brotherly love for them and those dependent upon them.

To our guests, who, out of fraternal kindness, have come to join in our rejoicing and grace this meeting with their presence, we extend most cordial fraternal greetings. Their presence here is an evidence of the strong bond of fraternal love which binds us together in a common Fraternity, in which the interests of one are the interests of all.

As Grand Master, I extend to all who are here today a cordial welcome, with the sincere hope that

we may enjoy the ceremonies incident to the occasion; and that we may be inspired thereby to a renewed devotion to the principles of Freemasonry, and a renewed dedication of ourselves to the purposes for which it exists. This is not an association of good fellows formed to provide opportunities for social enjoyment, nor a beneficial society to distribute pecuniary benefits or promote the interests of its members in any field, social, business or political. If it ever sinks to any such standard, it will quickly meet the same fate that all such organizations have in ages past. It will die by the hands of its own faithless members and be forgotten.

In the symbolic language of our Fraternity, we are a Craft of workmen engaged in the solemn and serious occupation of building a temple to the ever living and true God, the stones of which will be the souls of men, freed from the vices and imperfections of humanity, and in front of which will stand those two great columns, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Because Masons have been true to this work, Freemasonry has been able to command the services of the ablest and the truest, of the noble and the humble, in all ages and countries, and has survived the wreck of dynasties and empires and ever changing social systems. While we continue faithful to it, we will have the right to ask the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth to continue to bless us in all our undertakings.

After the Orchestra had rendered a cavatina by Raff, the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Brother J. Henry Williams, delivered the following

HISTORICAL ADDRESS

Right Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren: In the days when our Masonic forbears deemed it wise to separate themselves from the Mother Grand Lodge, this city in which this important event occurred, contained an area of only two square miles, reaching from Vine to South Street and from the Delaware to the Schuylkill. The population, which was then about twenty-eight thousand, is now over a million and a half. The United States, which was then bounded on the west by the Mississippi River, has since increased in population from four million to ninety-one. The number of inhabitants of Pennsylvania has grown from four hundred thousand to about eight million; and the City of Homes which then boasted forty-six hundred houses has to-day three hundred and sixty-eight thousand, over three-quarters of which are dwellings.

Philadelphia was known throughout the world as the capital of the country. Not only was it the largest manufacturing city in the colonies, but it was also their great commercial center and shipping port. Here sat the First Continental Congress, and here the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Con-



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federation and Perpetual Union between the states were adopted. Philadelphia remained the seat of the Federal Government until 1800. The definite Treaty of Peace was here ratified by the Executive Council of Pennsylvania, signed by Brother John Dickinson as President, and proclaimed by Brother Colonel Thomas Proctor, High Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia. Here also the Federal Constitution was adopted. The old charter, which came to an end with the Revolution, left the city to exist under a suspended form of government until 1789.

The national currency was not yet in existence. All coinage, except that of coppers, was done in foreign mints (in England, France and Spain). Almost all coins suffered mutilation by plugging or clipping, even our own government resorting to the practice. Frequently a coin had an arbitrary value, varying with the colony in which it was circulating; but as its weight and not its denomination could determine its value the scales always settled the question. No doubt the Lodge Secretary of those days was careful to examine and to weigh all coins before accepting them for dues or fines!

In the center of Market Street from Front to Third stood the market houses. On Wednesdays and Saturdays, the great market days, all the city bells were rung. A court was held in the second story of the long narrow building at both ends of which were bal-

conies. The introduction of a newly elected Governor always took place in one of these balconies, while the other was reserved for the exhibition of rogues in the pillory.

The pump and the candle constituted the public water-works and gas-works of those days, while a few whale-oil lamps, without reflectors, served feebly to light the streets.

Clocks and watches were few in number. The sun-dial at the house corner served as time-piece by day, and the watchman, who patrolled his beat, ringing a bell, announced the hour by night, calling out to sleeping householders the state of the weather, and keeping constables informed of any disorders abroad.

Transportation was by horse, stage or sailing vessel, but the roads were so poor and bridges so few that travel was difficult. In 1786 the fast stages were advertised to carry passengers from Philadelphia to New York in two days, for a fare of $9. Times were progressing!

The dressing of the day among the wealthy was elaborate and extravagant. The ladies with powdered hair, in silks and satins, were more than matched in the elegance of their attire by the men whose lace-frilled shirts, knee-breeches, silk stockings and jewelled shoe buckles, outrivalled the costliest modern wardrobe.

Balls and dinner parties at the City taverns were

the fashionable amusements of the period, while drinking, dueling, and election rioting offered diversion to the general public. The more thoughtful and industrious devoted their time as ever to business, attending the church and meeting house, and correcting the politics of the country.

The year of 1786 marks the height of the formative period not only in national and city governments but also in Free Masonry. The period from 1776 to the adoption of the Federal Constitution was one of uncertainty and doubt as to whether a union of the States could be formed. The Articles of Confederation had proved a rope of sand, and the willingness of the colonies to consolidate seemed doubtful. In this year meetings were being held throughout the country to promote a union of the Colonies, and two years later the celebrated "Publius" letters of Alexander Hamilton, and those of Jay and Madison, outlining a Constitution, were spread broadcast.

It was in this same year that a curious political situation arose in the City of Philadelphia. The governments of the colonies had come to an end with the Revolution, and the Continental Congress was urging upon the colonies the formation of new governments. In obedience to congressional constraint, Pennsylvania, in the Convention of 1776, passed a Constitution for the State, but so far as Philadelphia was concerned, there was no reorganization. The

city existed under a suspended form of government for thirteen years, from the Revolution to the year 1789, when it became incorporated. The old charter of Philadelphia had been found so defective and had excited such jealousy and dislike among the people, that there was a general distrust about creating a new one. The revenues were in a state of confusion and all the old departments that remained were unsatisfactory. Such constant jealousy existed between Boards and Commissioners that until its incorporation in 1789 the City was without any regular government and got on as best it could under the skeleton that was left from the wreck of the old corporation. During the year 1786, Conventions were being held in Philadelphia to bring order out of this chaos.

Some historians trace our origin to the remote past; others to the Grand Lodge established at York, England, by Prince Edwin in 926. On account of limited time, we must begin this recital of our Masonic history with the two comparatively recent Grand Lodges of England, from which we derive our authority; the one established in 1717 known as the "Moderns," the other formed in 1753 known as the "Ancients." The Ancients were originally seceders from the Moderns, but in 1813 these two reunited and constitute the present Grand Lodge of England.

On June 5, 1730, this Grand Lodge of Moderns

granted a deputation to Daniel Coxe as Grand Master and to others residing in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, to open a Provincial Grand Lodge in their home provinces. The first warrant issued by this Provincial Grand Lodge was to no other than the Lodge of St. John here in Philadelphia, which had already been in existence some years before the deputation was granted to Daniel Coxe. In due time warrants were granted to other Lodges. Lodge No. 4 of the Moderns (the present No. 2) petitioned London's Grand Lodge of "Ancients" for a warrant, which was granted and bore date June 7, 1758; it was received in Philadelphia in January, 1759, and duly read at a meeting of the Lodge held on the 23d day of the same month. Later they petitioned for a grand warrant, which was issued July 15, 1761, but it never reached its destination. A second had the same fate, but the third grand warrant issued June 20, 1764, reached Philadelphia late in 1764, or early in 1765. Of this first Provincial Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," William Ball was Grand Master.

Philadelphia at this time was possessed of two Grand Lodges—the "Moderns" and the "Ancients." The meetings of the Moderns were held in Free Mason's Hall, erected by them in 1755. This was the first Masonic building in the western world. The structure stood on the south side of Lodge Alley, west of Second Street, and north of Walnut Street, but no trace of it now remains.

The Moderns, by their adherence to the English cause, became depleted in numbers, and finally disappeared in 1793, many of them uniting with the Ancients.

These matters have been referred to in order that we may arrive at an understanding of what manner of men were these who, a century and a quarter ago, closed for the last time the Provincial Grand Lodge and opened "The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging."

In the "Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser" appeared the following notice:

"Philadelphia, September 1, 1786, Grand Lodge, the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, will meet at their room in Videll's Alley, on Monday the 25th instant A.M. At which time and place the officers of the several Lodges under this jurisdiction are requested punctually to attend. By order of the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

"A. HUMPHREYS, *Grand Secretary.*"

The small two-storied building on the south side of Videll's Alley, in which this meeting was held, was occupied by them until the end of 1790. It has since been removed and the narrow passage boarded up. Nos. 108 and 110 South Second Street occupy to-day the original site.

The following Declaration of Independence was passed unanimously on Monday, September 25, 1786:

"In consequence of a circular letter written at the Quarterly Communication in March last, and transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the respective Lodges under this Jurisdiction, requesting them by their proper Officers or Deputies, to attend this day upon the determination of a question agitated in this Lodge, viz. Whether it is proper for this Lodge to declare themselves a Grand Lodge Independent of Great Britain, or any other authority, and the said Officers and Deputies attending, it was thereupon—Resolved that this Grand Lodge is and ought to be a Grand Lodge Independent of Great Britain or any other authority whatever, and that they are not under any ties to any other Grand Lodge, except those of Brotherly Love and Affection, which they will always be happy to cultivate and preserve with all Lodges throughout the Globe.—This Lodge acting by Virtue of a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of England was closed forever."

On the same day the following appears upon the minutes:

"At a Grand Convention of 13 different Lodges working by virtue of Warrants from the late Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with full power from their Constituents to decide upon the question, whether the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should establish themselves as a Grand Lodge Independent of Great Britain or any other authority, and with the concurrence of other Lodges signified by letter. It was unanimously resolved that the Lodges under the

Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania lately held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England will and now do form themselves into a Grand Lodge to be called the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging to be held in Philadelphia and that the late Grand Officers continue to be the Grand Officers of Pennsylvania invested with all the Powers, Jurisdictions, prominence and authority thereunto belonging, 'til the usual time for the next election, and that the Grand Lodge and the particular Lodges govern themselves by the Rules & Regulations heretofore established, 'til other Rules and Regulations shall be adopted.''

In order to understand and appreciate the sudden change in the close family relationship, one must take into consideration the strained political situation existing in the nation, and at the same time examine the correspondence of the two Lodges.

From 1776 to the adoption of the Federal Constitution, political uncertainty and distrust were rife. It was a time that tried men's souls. The Articles of Confederation had failed of their purpose, and the only hope of salvation for the country lay in the adoption of a Federal Constitution, the accomplishment of which project was doubtful.

The antagonistic feeling existing between the States was growing daily more intense, and a fear that English influence was being exerted to prevent the States from coming to a closer union naturally created a suspicion against those who had any connection with

the Mother Country, especially against a secret Masonic connection, which could not be understood by the public. Any connection with England was regarded as disloyalty to the States.

The letter of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Mother Grand Lodge in England taking formal leave is as follows:

Brethren

We salute you in all Love and Respect. We acknowledge your past Goodness, and We pray your kind and candid Acceptance of this Address from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

It having pleased the Grand Master of all Events in human affairs, to dissolve the Political Connection which subsisted between your Country and ours when We were honored with your Warrant, and to change the Situation of this Country into that of a Sovereignty instead of a Province, it has seemed meet to the Brethren here no longer to consider themselves as a Provincial Lodge. Knowing also that those who are not enlightened, being ignorant of our Institution are ever jealous of improper designs and practices, the Brethren have thought it a duty they owe to the Government that protects them, to leave no Occasion of Offence to them by our continuing to acknowledge a foreign Jurisdiction the extent of which they cannot comprehend. They have accordingly at a Quarterly Communication held in this City at which were present the officers of particular Lodges under their Jurisdiction and Delegates especially appointed and authorized for this purpose resolved as appears by the enclosed copy of their proceedings.

We hope and trust that this procedure will meet your approbation; and that we shall continue to receive your salutary councils & brotherly advise and Communications upon every Occasion which may occur to you as requiring it, and on our part we shall look up to you as venerable Masters and Instructors in the Royal Art whenever we find ourselves lacking in Knowledge.

We shall wish never to forget that in love and Harmony you and We are one, and shall be happy in every Opportunity that may offer of shewing by an Interchange of good Offices that your Brethren are also Ours and Ours Yours in every good Word and Work. We are with all the Mystical Honors, in the Name and Behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Ample Form assembled

Your truly affectionate Brethren

Philad[a], October 16. 1786. and very hble Servants

The Right Worshipful	Will: Adcock G.M.
Grand Master Officers and	J. B. Smith, D.G.M.
Brethren of the Grand Lodge	Jos. Dean, S.G.W.
of England.	George Ord J.G.W.

Attest Ashton Humphreys, Grand Secretary

This letter failed to reach its destination. A duplicate, bearing date November 10, 1788, was prepared and sent by the hands of Brother Solomon Bush, who unfortunately delivered it to the wrong Grand Lodge.

On October 14, 1791, a Committee was again appointed to communicate with the Mother Lodge.

On December 3, 1792, at a Quarterly Communication the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother

Jonathan Bayard Smith, presented communications from the Rt. Wl. Grand Lodge of England, according to the old institutions, which were read as followeth (to wit):

To the Right Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

Right Worshipful Brothers:

It is with much satisfaction that in conformity to the resolution of the Grand Lodge of England, herewith transmitted, and in their name, we address you on this occasion.

We rejoice on the restoration of a fraternal intercourse and communication between our respective Grand Lodges, which we cannot but lament had ever been suspended, and which the Grand Lodge of England agree forever to cultivate and support.

The accession of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to a fraternal alliance with the Grand Lodge of England, and consequently with the several Grand Lodges in the different quarters of the globe in alliance with that of England, so conducive to the Honor and interest of our ancient craft, must necessarily be highly satisfactory to the Masonic world at large.

Having perused your Book of Constitutions, we reflect with pleasure that the Grand Lodge of England has given birth to a Grand Lodge in the Western world, whose strict adherence to the ancient and immutable landmarks of our order reflects honor on its original founders. Here we must beg leave to state that we conceive that in constituting your Grand Lodge we necessarily communicated to it the same

independent sovereign Masonic authority within your jurisdiction which we ourselves possessed within ours, amenable to no superior jurisdiction under Heaven, and subject only to the immutable landmarks of the craft. All Grand Lodges in Masonry being necessarily Free, Independent, and Equipollent within their respective jurisdictions, which consequently excludes the idea of subjection to a foreign authority or the establishment of an Imperium in Imperio.

It having, however, pleased the Almighty Architect of the Universe to erect the Province Pennsylvania into a sovereign State, we coincide with you in opinion, that it became expedient to remove those doubts which either had or might be entertained by the uninformed upon that point, by declaring in the most explicit manner the independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the full and ample authority of which, limited only by the unchangeable landmarks of the system, as it cannot be increased, so neither can it ever be diminished by political changes or revolutions.

The Principles of pure Masonry like those of true morality must in every age and nation remain the same, unmoved by the shock of Empires or the vicissitudes of human events.

We transmit to you, herewith, our circular letter to the Lodges under our jurisdiction, for the current year, containing a list of our Grand Officers, and those of the Grand Lodges in alliance with us according to their last communications for the present year, to which we have to add that of the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada.

It is with pleasure we inform you of the increasing prosperity of Free Masonry, not only under our jurisdiction, but under that of the different Grand Lodges in the different quarters of the globe united with us.

We are with esteem and best wishes for your Grand Lodge

and the Craft under its Jurisdiction, Right Worshipful Brothers,

(SEAL) Your sincere friends and Brothers,

JAMES AGAR,
Dep'y Grand Master

ROBT. LESLIE,
Grand Secretary

Duplicate.

Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to the Old Institutions.

HIS GRACE, the DUKE OF ATHOL, Grand Master.

Crown and Anchor Tavern, London, 5th September, 1792.

Present: JAS AGAR, Deputy Grand Master.

SIR WATKIN LEWIS KNIGHT, Senior Grand Warden.

JNO BUNN, Esq., Junior Grand Warden.

THOS. HARPER, Esq., Past Senior Grand Warden.

ROBERT LESLIE, Esq., Grand Secretary.

JOHN FEAKINS, Esq., Grand Treasurer.

WILLIAM HOCKADAY, Esq., Grand Sword Bearer.

The Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the Right Worshipful, the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 23, 37, 63, 31, 81, 128, 159, 192, 193, 194, 195, 221, 225, 226, 227, 230, 231, 234, 239, 240, 241, 244, 245, 251, 253, 255, 258, 259, 261, 264.

Dispatches from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, bearing date the 18th of November last, and of 25th of October, 1782, and two resolutions of that Grand Lodge of the 25th September, 1786, were communicated by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, which were read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. His Worship also informed the

Grand Lodge that a Book of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had been sent with the dispatches, which he had perused and found perfectly conformable to the Landmarks of the Ancient Craft, and after congratulating the Grand Lodge on the restoration of the fraternal intercourse between this Grand Lodge and that of Pennsylvania, he proposed and it was 'Resolved, unanimously, That a brotherly address be transmitted to the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, acknowledging their friendly communications and approving thereof, and that a fraternal intercourse and correspondence be established between this Grand Lodge and that of Pennsylvania forever, in the same manner as between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, and the other Grand Lodges throughout the Masonic World.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

It will be noticed that from September 25, 1786, until December 3, 1792, a period of over six years, there is no record evidence of the existence of any fraternal relations or friendly correspondence between the Grand Lodges of England and of Pennsylvania. It will be noticed also as an evidence of the conservative character of our institution that a period of ten years elapsed between the Declaration of Independence of the Country and that of our Grand Lodge.

The minutes do not disclose any reason for such radical action as a Declaration of Independence, nor do they account for the severance of the friendly and

harmonious relations which had existed for more than a score of years.

A Declaration of Independence comes when there are rights to sustain or wrongs to redress, and nowhere in the documents do we find any statement of rights transgressed or wrongs inflicted.

Loyalty to the government of the land in which they lived must, therefore, have been the controlling motive impelling our brethren to declare their independence, for we read in their letter that it is a duty they owe the government protecting them, to leave no occasion for offence by continuing to acknowledge a foreign Masonic Jurisdiction, the extent of which could not be comprehended by the uninformed.

Inasmuch as loyalty to the State is one of the cardinal principles of the craft, it may be said with truth that this action of the Provincial Grand Lodge in severing its official connection with a Grand Lodge in a foreign state preserved Free Masonry in America.

Brethren of the fraternity assisted in founding as well as in defending this great country. They were members of the Continental Congress, and of committees to draft the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation and the Federal Constitution. They were among the defenders of the country in the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Spanish-American

War. They have given of their time and substance, their lives and limbs to preserve the liberty of their country and the rights of the people.

Time will allow the mention of only a few names of those who were found in those early days in the front ranks of the struggle for the preservation of our Fraternity and the advancement of human civilization:

Daniel Coxe, Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, whose remains lie in front of the pulpit in Old St. Mary's Church, Burlington, New Jersey. Of the Philadelphia Brethren—John Penn, the Proprietor, James Hamilton, early Governor of the Province, Chief Justice William Allen, Mayor Humphrey Murray, Judge Thomas Hopkinson, Benjamin Franklin, William Smith, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Thomas Cadwalader, William Ball,[1] First Provincial Grand Master of the Ancients, Stephen Girard, Hyman Solomon, who donated a fortune to the American cause in the Revolution, and John Dunlap, who first printed the Declaration of Independence and gave £4000 for the American Army.

From Brother George Washington to Brother William H. Taft, fourteen presidents of the United States have been members of the craft.

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[1] Reinterred in North Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Section G, Lot 110.

It will be impossible to mention the names of the great number of brethren from all Jurisdictions of the Fraternity who have labored for the Country, in Congress, in State Legislatures and Councils, in the National and State Courts and Minor Judiciary, in the Army and Navy, in the schools, colleges and universities.

The title with which we started our independent existence, "The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging," remains with us to-day. The latter part, "and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging," is often commented upon, and we are asked why we use it and what it means.

If we recall for a moment that it was the custom in earlier times to grant warrants for lodges to be located in any territory not under the sovereignty of a Grand Lodge, we may see the significance of the phrase, at least for those days.

This Grand Lodge and its predecessor issued warrants for Lodges in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Indiana, Ohio, the Northwest Territory, United States Army, the British Army, Mexico, South America, and the Islands of Cuba, San Domingo and Trinidad; and this practice was continued until 1832.

At the formation of the present Grand Lodge there

were fourteen Lodges in the State, with a membership difficult to determine.

All the lodges now under our Jurisdiction are located within the geographical lines of the State of Pennsylvania, and on December 27, 1910, they numbered 481 with a membership of 96,430.

Lodges in Philadelphia originally met in The Tun Tavern, the Indian King, the City Tavern, or the Royal Standard. These places came in time to be considered not altogether appropriate for lodge meetings, and until the craft could build a Home for themselves, the meeting places were changed from taverns to the Free Quaker Meeting House and to Independence Hall.

Despite the change in environment from tavern to meeting house, the danger which Free Masonry was thought to incur in the use of intoxicating drinks continued to engage the attention of the craft, but it was not until 1906 that all liquors were eliminated from Masonic entertainments within this Jurisdiction.

This action in limiting the pleasure of the banquet was a sacrifice made by the many to the weaknesses of the few, and it redounds to the credit of the craft. This is charity, true Masonic charity, that elevates and ennobles.

The Grand Lodge has had many and diverse homes since its earliest meetings in Videll's Alley. Its first change was to the Free Quaker Meeting House on

the southwest corner of Fifth and Arch, afterwards called the Apprentices' Library. Later it moved successively to Independence Hall, its own Halls on Filbert and Chestnut Streets, to Washington Hall on the west side of Third Street north of Spruce, and then returned to its old Chestnut Street quarters where it remained until it took possession of the present Temple, which was built by the Craft and dedicated solely to Masonic purposes.

The Grand Lodge has had three Honorary members. In the minutes of an Extra Grand Communication held at Philadelphia, Saturday, 2 Oct., A.D. 1824, A.L. 5824, we find as follows, viz.: "On motion made and seconded, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania glorying in the honor this day conferred on her by the visit of Brother GILBERT MOTIER DE LA FAYETTE, and anxious to enroll among her members an individual so much distinguished by all the virtues which enoble the Masonic Character, has Resolved, that all the rights, dignities and privileges of a member of this Grand Lodge be, and the same are hereby conferred on Bro. GILBERT MOTIER DE LA FAYETTE."

"A Committee was appointed to wait upon Bro. LA FAYETTE at his lodgings and conduct him to the Hall. Here he was met at the door by the Grand Marshal and Grand Sword Bearer, and received into the Grand Lodge with the highest honours."

On December 27, 1847, there is recorded the unanimous election of "Past Grand Master W. G. Reese of the State of Ohio" as an Honorary Member of Our Grand Lodge. A brother, "William *James* Reese, served as Grand Master of Ohio from 1834 until October 20, 1842, when he removed to Philadelphia."

December 27, 1900, it was resolved "That Right Worshipful Brother Thomas R. Patton, Grand Treasurer, be elected an Honorary Member of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge."

Brother Patton's name is synonymous with Masonic Charity.

For one hundred and twenty-five years we have lived under a unique form of government. It is a pure democracy, and, at the same time, has some of the characteristics of an absolute monarchy or a despotism. The Right Worshipful Grand Master is elected annually by the votes of the members of the Grand Lodge, but when he is elected and installed he makes no report of his doings as Grand Master for approval or confirmation. He is responsible to no one for his actions. His will is law, and he answers only to his own conscience. He has no limitations save the Ahiman Rezon of this Grand Lodge and the Landmarks of the Fraternity. Under this form of government we have lived, and lived well and prospered.

The cardinal principles upon which we have built

our foundations, are Love of God, Love of Country and Love of Fellow Man.

The first is a matter of purely individual concern. It lies between a man and his Maker. No one has any right to interfere. So we teach, so we practice liberty of conscience, with freedom to worship our Creator e'en as our conscience dictates.

Love of country we inculcate and the services of the craft in that regard are an important part in its history.

Love of fellow man! To love our brethren is to give them full share in all that we possess. So we find innumerable instances of relieving the pressing wants and necessities of the destitute.

In order to increase charity funds it was the custom in early days to preach charity sermons and to take up collections, the moneys thus obtained being applied for the benefit of the poor of the craft, the poor of the church, and the prisoners in the gaol. Another custom was to charge fines for non-attendance at the meetings of corporations and lodges. We have the record of one corporation spending its fines in erecting mile-stones throughout the country, whilst the Lodge devoted its fines to charity. The earliest effort on record for an organized charity in the United States was made in Philadelphia on March 15, 1783.

In Philadelphia we have to-day under the control

of a private corporation the Masonic Home, and the Orphanage for Girls on North Broad Street.

And under the control of this Grand Lodge:

The Grand Lodge Charity Fund of	$106,999.38
The Girard Bequest of	80,400.00
The Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund of	114,800.00
The Thomas Singleton Bequest of	27,466.67
The Stephen Taylor Bequest of	17,400.00
Charles Jackson McClary Fund for Masonic Home	20,000.00
Charles Jackson McClary Fund For Orphan Children	37,936.30
Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys, estimated at upwards of	800,000.00
An Emergency Relief Fund	12,738.05

Aggregating a million and a quarter of dollars.

Last, but not least, the Crowning Glory of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—its Masonic Home at Elizabethtown, with a thousand acres of land, covered by clear blue sky; "hills rock-ribbed and ancient as the Sun;" trees majestically towering heavenward where, tipped by the rays of the setting sun, are fringed with gold and silver, and when the dew falls from heaven there appear myriads of gems of surpassing beauty, which disappear when the dew is dispersed by the morning sun. A water supply equal to any in the land. Well tilled fields, and well built roads and beautiful shrubbery. Forty emergency cases, among which are husbands and wives who now for the first time in a Masonic Home in this State are privileged to spend their declining days in peace

together. Grand Lodge Hall! The center of the contemplated Masonic village in course of erection, the corner-stone of which will be laid with appropriate ceremonies on the morrow. So have we worked and so will we continue to work for this great Fraternity, bound by the ties of Fraternal love and affection, with no fear, save the fear of our own dishonor, for

"The stars shall fade away, the sun himself
Grow dim with age, and nature sink in years:
But thou! Masonry! shalt flourish in immortal youth,
Unhurt amidst the war of elements,
The wreck of matter and the crush of worlds."

Masonry shall flourish in immortal youth, because it is built not on one Gibraltar, but upon three—whose foundations are so firmly imbedded in nature itself that naught can shake them. These are the cardinal virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity.

Faith—in God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift.

Hope—in immortality, that blessed state of existence where labor ceases and the weary are at rest.

Charity—Charity towards all mankind, especially our brethren in Free Masonry.

An so aye and aye and aye for a', Masonry! *esto perpetua.*

The R. W. Grand Master: Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden; You know that applause is never

allowed in the Grand Lodge. It is this rule that has prevented the Brethren from an expression of the pleasure with which we have all listened to your able and instructive address. As Grand Master, I congratulate you on the research you have shown in the preparation of a wonderful address, and on the eloquence with which it was delivered.

Brother J. Henry Williams: I acknowledge with gratefulness your kind words, Right Worshipful Grand Master. To live in the hearts of my Brethren is my reward.

After the Chorus had rendered Mendelssohn's "To the Sons of Art," Brother Edgar Fahs Smith, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, delivered an

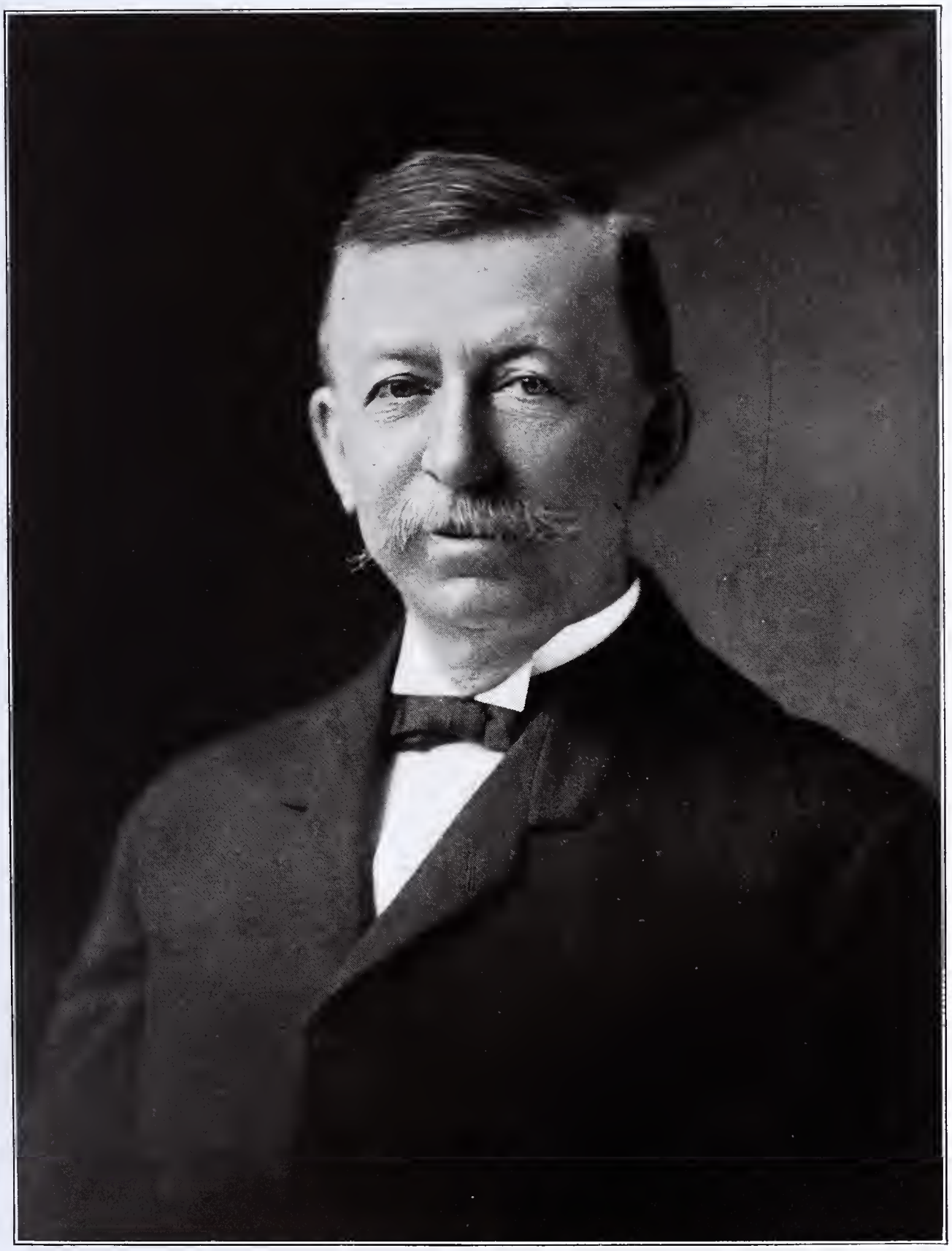
ADDRESS—FREEMASONRY AND EDUCATION

After the conclusion of Brother Smith's remarks:

The R. W. Grand Master: Brother Smith, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, I extend to you our sincere thanks for your eloquent and splendid address.

The Chorus then sang "The Heavens Resound," by Beethoven.

Brother Samuel Black McCormick, Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, delivered the following



Edgar F. Smith.

PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ADDRESS—FREEMASONRY AND CHARACTER

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren: In speaking to you this afternoon upon this subject which has been assigned to me, I have found myself in a situation almost the direct opposite of my Brother who has just spoken. It seems to me, in thinking over this subject, that the Grand Master had really suggested a theme which is fundamental to Masonry, and that only as Masonry has the direct purpose to create in the world that which we call character, is it possible at all for the organization to fulfil its mission. The glory of any created thing consists in this,—that it does the thing it was created to do. When the Master passed by the fig tree and found no fruit thereon, He pronounced a curse upon it, for the purpose of a fig tree is to produce fruit. We oftentimes hear in this day that the age to which we belong is a utilitarian age, and the words are spoken as a criticism. "The roses and the clematis," says Fannie Fern, "have been uprooted like our hopes; the utilitarian axe has been laid at the root of every tree." By this is meant that in our times we are sacrificing beauty to utility, and oftentimes are forgetting the higher values of life. Sometimes we feel that there is justice in this criticism. Yet we must remember that there is a good meaning to the word utilitarian, and that its good meaning is always and everywhere in the things that are made by the Supreme Architect

Himself; for there is nothing in all this world of ours that does not have its definite and distinct purpose. We may, in the closing of the day, turn our eyes to the westward, where the clouds have piled themselves up one upon the other in fantastic and, sometimes, in magnificent forms. Behind them the sun is disappearing, but stops a moment to send his rays upon the clouds, fringing them with golden glory, and making a thing magnificent to the eye, so that it is impossible for a man to look upon it without being lifted up to higher ideals.

In other words, there is a utility even in the sunset, a utility that makes a man a better man because his eyes have been permitted to behold the wondrous beauty. Human life itself is the same. It has the word "Why" written all over it. It is no better for a man to live in order that he may eat, than it is for a man to eat in order that he may live, unless the man somehow, sometime, has stopped to ask the question, "Why is he in the world?" What is the object of his being? If he does not seek in his busy life to give some answer to this question, he may still get something out of it. He may, like the bee, sip some of life's sweetness; he may, like the cattle on the hills, browse some of life's richness; he may, like the bird on the treetop, sing some of life's songs; but, unlike all of these, he will have failed in the real purpose of his existence because he has not sought



Samuel Black McCormick

CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH.

to understand the reason why he is here. The application of this thought is that every individual man and every individual combination of men in an organization such as ours, has its underlying purpose, and this purpose is the production in the world of what we call character. I should not wish comprehensively to define Masonry, its objects, its ends, and its purpose. We may think of it as an organization designed to foster true religion, or that form of it which we know as Christianity. We may think of it as an organization which inculcates and illustrates most perfectly the divine spirit of Charity. We may think of it as an organization designed to produce in the world what we call brotherhood, and to illustrate it in its finest form among the children of men. We may think of Masonry as an organization designed to promote friendship, and to create in men those qualities which beget friendship. It does not matter much to me in what terms we attempt to define or express it. After all, it amounts simply to this: that it is an organization whose supreme purpose is the production of character in the world of men. Neither should I care to define just what character is or what are the essentials of it. We know in general what we mean when we speak of it; the sum of what a man actually is, the aggregate of that man's soul. I suspect that while we all know it, most of us would shrink from defining it.

We make no mistake, however, in assuming that its essential elements are truth, love and service,—or the beneficence which results in service. When we think of these things, we may well think of Masonry; and if we do not, then, I fear Masonry has failed to accomplish its mission. Truth, I say! The man who has not put truth in the first place, so that to seek after it is joy, to possess it is riches, to be loyal to it is character, has not really come to a place where he can measure the high values of life. Love! Love that makes the man altogether different from what he is by nature; that drives out fear; that is above all law; that makes a man do a good thing, because it becomes a part of his very being to do it. Beneficence! By that I mean well doing, service, kindness, sympathy. We perceive that whatever other terms we use, Masonry is built upon these, and that whatever else Masonry accomplishes, it must produce character if it fulfils its great mission. What a wonderful word character is: what a wonderful work character does! It is the one thing which achieves simply by its own inherent power. There is Caesar, the Imperial Caesar, and over yonder is Cassius; and as Caesar looks upon Cassius, Caesar would have been afraid had he not been Caesar, because of what he saw written in that face. The Sage of Concord, you remember, was accustomed to say that a Congressman appointed by the people is

of little worth, unless he has been appointed first of all by Almighty God to represent a fact. Emerson was absolutely right. "O Iole," quotes Emerson, "how did you know that Hercules was a God? Because," answered Iole, "I was content the moment my eyes rested upon him. When I beheld Theseus, I desired that he might offer battle or at least guide his horses in the chariot race. But Hercules did not wait for a contest; he conquered whether he walked, or stood, or sat, or whatever he did." So the great Philosopher would teach that character does its work silently by the mighty force of its inherent power. You remember a few years ago, in our neighboring city, that municipal affairs became so corrupt that Mr. Parkhurst determined that something must be done, and at once set about to do it. Do you remember how at the beginning people laughed at the poor, lone preacher's attempt to change the conditions of a great city?

But all the people, the good people and the people who were not good, utterly forgot that the reckoning was not with a lone man but with character, the combined character of a great community. Contrast that incident with another, two thousand years ago, when Pilate stood on a portico in the palace in Jerusalem, facing the Roman mob. Pilate represented all the power of Imperial Rome and the mob was a thing infinitely weak. Because Pilate lacked character, he

was weaker than the mob, in spite of Roman authority, and they went out from him carrying their Victim to His execution. It is character that, by its own inherent qualities, achieves, quite as it is the lack of it that is the weakest thing in all the world.

Now, Brethren, I feel that Masonry can accomplish its supreme function of producing character only as we come to understand exactly what it is, only as we really reverence it when we see it, only as we plan to make our beloved Body stand for it, and only as we seek, with conscientiousness of purpose, to create that as the one supreme product for which we have been brought into being. When we shall see that, and understand that, and appreciate that, and seek to accomplish that, then we shall truly stand for that for which we have been called into being, and will realize with some degree of perfectness the real purpose of our existence.

I should not like to delay you this afternoon, my Brethren, to speak as fully as I should desire, but just a single thought further. In this land of ours, we have a wonderful opportunity to show our power and willingness to be truly patriotic and loyal citizens. When we come to reflect upon how this nation was settled by men who came into it with a serious purpose in life, that they might be free to think as they pleased, to worship as they pleased, to be a democracy ruling themselves as they pleased; and

when we reflect that, underlying all their thoughts, was the idea of religion, consecration of their lives to the service of the Most High, then we understand that America stands for a serious purpose and has a holy mission to perform among the nations of the earth. This mission demands men, serious and thoughtful, men of real and genuine character.

God forbid the day when the manhood of America shall turn to wealth, or power, or pleasure, or anything that is selfish, as that which shall represent the national spirit. God hasten the day when in Masonry and in all other good organizations there shall be the strong conviction that the purpose is to produce men, to create character, to solve the problems and bear the burdens of the children of men. It is a beautiful thing that we are making progress; that we are really making progress. Some people say that the character of today is not so religious as it once was. I do not believe it, but I do know that it is kinder than it once was. Some people say that the character of today is not quite so conscientious as it once was. I do not believe it, but I do know this, that it is feeding more hungry children and clothing more of the world's naked than ever before. Some people say that the character of today is not so picturesque, or so inured to hardship as it once was. I do not know; but I do know this, that it is immensely more charitable, immensely more benevolent, immensely more

helpful to men and is getting under the world's work more than it ever did before. There is, therefore, encouragement for us; hope and assurance that, by and by, the end will finally be accomplished. But let us remember again the part that Masonry is to play in this achievement. As Masonry stands for truth, and love, and service, so it stands for what the combination of these three is, namely, Character. Let it be our boast and our glory that this is our mission in the world, and let it be our added glory in the days to come that we have conscientiously fulfilled this mission, that we have realized in largest measure the purpose for which we have been brought into being.

I thank you, Right Worshipful Grand Master, for this opportunity to speak upon this subject, and my earnest hope is that even to a man, we may make Masonry stand for character highest and holiest.

THE R. W. GRAND MASTER: Brother McCORMICK, I desire to thank you, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, for your address.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge:

Brethren: In closing this portion of our exercises, I desire to add a few words to these three addresses which have been made to you.

Those who shut their eyes, who close their intelligence and their hearts, to the sentiment which moves the world, are the ignorant. The greed, the selfishness, the cruelty, the vice, the idle frivolities which are often so conspicuous, do not constitute the real life of America. They are like the flotsam which sweeps forever on the front of the flood, but are no part of it. They do not even contribute to it.

Deep underneath, sweeps the life of the true and the noble of this world and of this country; and when the flotsam and jetsam are gone, this true life will go on with glory to humanity, following the line which God himself has laid down for his children in the guide which we forever keep open on the Altar in the Lodge.

Brother John K. Tener, Governor of Pennsylvania: Your Excellency: You know that Masons are loyal to their country: they are taught to be good citizens, and pay due respect to the constituted authorities. We welcome you here with us, and we extend to you our hearty good will. The Brethren would be very glad to hear from you.

Brother John K. Tener: *Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:* Neither prior to the time I became your Chief Executive, nor at that time was I informed that the duties of that responsible office would ever call me within

the secret confines of a Grand Lodge of Masonry, and for that reason I was barred to that extent from the confidence of my predecessor, my good Brother and friend, Edwin S. Stuart. I don't know, if the information had come to me that I would be called upon today, that it would have deterred me from accepting the office, but I do say that had I been told in advance, I probably would have been more comfortable at this moment; in fact, I rather envy the Choir. Since the Right Worshipful Grand Master, in his kindness of heart, was so merciful to the Choir, I do not see why that mercy should not radiate as far as me at least. But I am glad indeed to be here. I feel the honor personally, and in the name and on behalf of the State I thank you for the signal honor of being received in this Grand Lodge, and for one who is such a meek and lowly Blue Lodge member, to be permitted to meet with you here. I have enjoyed every moment of the exercises and ceremonies incident to the anniversary celebration. I believe now, as I have heretofore believed, that Masonry is the most potent force for good in all the world save the Church, and that in coming together as we do here, and in our work to help and uplift humanity we are doing the greatest work that can be given us to do. I thank you very much, Right Worshipful Grand Master.

By direction of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Adolph Eichholz, Secretary of the Com-

mittee on Arrangements, read the following communications:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS,
September 8, 1911.

MY DEAR MR. GUTHRIE:

I am very sorry that I am prevented from attending your celebration in Philadelphia on September 25th. I had hoped to be present on this occasion, but on account of my Western trip I shall have to forego that pleasure.

Please be good enough to convey to my Pennsylvania Brethren an expression of my sincere regret in not being able to be with you and of my best wishes for a pleasant occasion.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

WM. H. TAFT.

Hon. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE,
R. W. Grand Master of Masons,
Masonic Temple,
Philadelphia, Pa.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND,

FREEMASONS' HALL,
GREAT QUEEN ST., LONDON, W. C.
4th September, 1911.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, RT. W. GRAND MASTER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Rt. Worshipful Sir and Dear Brother,

I am desired by the M. W. Grand Master to convey to you

His Royal Highness's warmest thanks for your very cordial and fraternal invitation to visit your city and take part in the interesting and important Meeting to be held during the present month in commemoration of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as an independent and Sovereign Body.

It would not only be in accordance with His Royal Highness's personal desire, but, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge whence the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania derived its origin, it would be peculiarly appropriate that the Grand Lodge of England should be represented on the occasion, but as His Royal Highness does not leave England to assume the Governor-Generalship of Canada until early in October, he is precluded from accepting your invitation and participating in the celebration.

His Royal Highness desires to offer you Right Worshipful Sir and the Officers and Brethren of your Grand Lodge his heartfelt congratulations, and to express a hope that the gathering may be in every respect a successful and memorable one, and that the fraternally cordial relations of the two Grand Lodges which have stood the test of a century and a quarter of uninterrupted intercourse, may continue for all time.

I am further desired to convey to you His Royal Highness's thanks for the interesting albums containing views of the various Meeting places of your Grand Lodge, from the modest structure occupied by it in 1755, to the noble palace in which it is at present housed.

I remain,
Rt. Worshipful Sir and Dear Brother,
Yours fraternally,
E. Letchworth,
Grand Secretary.

Freemasons' Hall,
Dublin.

George W. Guthrie, Esq.,
G. M. Pennsylvania.

R. W. Bro.,

With most sincere regret I find myself precluded by the unalterable conditions of Time and Space, from availing myself of the honour conferred on me by the invitation to take part in the celebration, under your guidance, of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The historical progress of your Grand Lodge has ever been a subject of deep interest to me, and I shall always feel pardonable pride in that I have been deemed worthy of an invitation to take part in the ceremonies.

If opportunity should arise, I can answer for the unfeigned desire of the Grand Lodge of Ireland to perpetuate the cordial relations that marked its intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that began a full half-century before the auspicious event now commemorated. Nor has that fraternal warmth ever slackened from the day of its inception to the present fortunate hour.

With venturesome egotism, I beg to forward herewith an account of one episode of that long-continued amity between our Grand Lodges.

With hearty good wishes, yours, in the ties of the Craft,

W. J. Chetwode Crawley.

30th Aug., 1911.

Kingfield, Woking,
12th Sept., 1911.

Right Worshipful Grand Master,

I desire to gratefully acknowledge the invitation of the

R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to be present at the Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of its Independence as a Grand Lodge, and also at the Church Service to be held on the previous day.

Unfortunately, the distance from my residence, combined with the weight of 55 years and 9 months spent in Masonry will prevent my attendance at Philadelphia, but I feel it a great honour to have received an invitation to be present, and I heartily wish the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, its Lodges and Brethren very many prosperous and happy new years.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. Gould, P. G. D.,

W. M. Lodge of King Solomon's Temple, No. 3464.

The R. W. the Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

Additional letters of regret will be found at pages 123–138.

The Acting Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Brother John A. Perry, read the following:

Grand Lodge F. and A. M., District of Columbia,
Office of the Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple,
Washington, September 23, 1911.

Mr. William A. Sinn,
Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Brother:

I have the pleasure of informing you that at a Stated Communication of the Grand Lodge held this evening, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved,* that the fraternal greetings and hearty congratulations of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia be extended to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania upon the 125th anniversary of the institution of that Grand Body, as an independent Grand Lodge."

This will be presented to you by our Grand Master, M. W. J. Claude Keiper, who will no doubt convey the felicitations of this Grand Lodge in terms more eloquent than the language of the resolution.

With personal congratulations, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

A. W. Johnston,
Grand Secretary.

Greetings were received from the visiting Most Worshipful Grand Masters, as follows:

Brother William B. McChesney, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Virginia.

Right Worshipful Grand Master: When your kind invitation was received and accepted, there was the pleasure accompanying it that nothing was to be said by me, so I came without fear or trepidation. I come from that old State to convey its congratulations to your Grand Lodge. I come from that State where, when our Grand Lodge was formed, one of the constituent Subordinate Lodges held a charter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It is becoming, Right Worshipful Sir, that I, coming from that State, should come to the Cradle of the Declaration of Independence,

because I come from the State which gave birth to him who penned it. I come with these felicitations to you from that grand old Jurisdiction which gave to the United States our Worshipful Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON, a Brother who knelt at the Altars of our Jurisdiction. I come with my congratulations to you from the State that had the honor to be presided over by the Most Worshipful JOHN MARSHALL, Past Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, who put power into the Constitution of the United States. I come to speak to you and to congratulate you for all that can be done in Masonry. I come, saluting you and yours as a great Grand Lodge. Hearing what was said about education, it could not help but come to me that when the Declaration of Independence was penned in this City of Brotherly Love, the sections of which I have in mind, it was by the force and influence of education and the experience in Masonry of the Brethren who signed it, and who were in the majority in the Convention, that the clause it contains as to religious freedom was put in. I believe that to be the bulwark of all the clauses of that great document. Please accept from the Old Dominion our good wishes and our congratulations to the Keystone State. It is useless to say that your march will be onward and upward, for where you stand now there is no summit above you. May you continue until the sun shall cease to gild the evening sky and the moon to illuminate the high heavens in the night!

Brother Charles H. Wiggin, Most Worshipful Grand Master of New Hampshire:

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren: I enjoyed the sentiments expressed by His Excellency Governor Tener, and I wish at this moment that I was a member of the Orchestra rather than a visiting Grand Master. I deem it a great honor and a great privilege to be present on this memorable occasion in the history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and I bring to you the sincere congratulations of ten thousand Masonic Brethren that compose the Grand Masonic Jurisdiction of the grand Old Granite State, on this your one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary. I voice the sentiments of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, when I say we are proud of the grandeur, the magnificence and the benevolence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Jurisdiction which I have the honor to represent is a star of small magnitude in the constellation of Grand Masonic Jurisdictions, but I want to assure you that our devotion to Masonic principles and our zeal in Freemasonry need bring no tinge of shame to the most devout and interested Masonic Brethren. As an independent Grand Masonic Body, we are but four years your junior, having been formed in 1790, with the devoted friend of the immortal Washington, General John Sullivan, lawyer, patriot, soldier, statesman and jurist, as Grand Master. An unbroken record cover-

ing this entire period is our proud boast. Freemasonry was established within our border over one hundred and seventy-five years ago, St. John's Lodge No. 1, of Portsmouth, having celebrated its one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary on St. John's Day last past. With justifiable pride and reverence and admiration for our antiquity and achievements of the past, it seems to me our problem as Freemasons is the building up and enlarging of the fraternal possibilities of Blue Lodge Masonry today. In gratifying our desires for the benefits and privileges of the highest order of Masonry, are we neglecting and failing to give to our Brethren and fellow men a class of Masonry that was cherished and practised by the founders of your Grand Jurisdiction, Right Worshipful Sir, and mine, over one century ago? I shall take great pleasure in officially reporting to my Grand Lodge the many pleasures and the fraternal hospitality which I have been permitted to enjoy. Personally, I will carry with me the fondest recollections of this occasion. At this time, I want to express my sincere thanks for your attention to me, and if any of the Pennsylvania Brethren come within New Hamphire's Jurisdiction, I hope they will take home with them as good and exalted an opinion of New Hampshire's Brethren as I shall take home with me as to the Pennsylvania Brethren. The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire wishes for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

greater prosperity and distinction, if that be possible, than it has enjoyed for one hundred and twenty-five years. Brethren, I thank you.

Brother Wyndham Stokes, Most Worshipful Grand Master of West Virginia.

Right Worshipful Sir: I am very glad to convey the greetings of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, the Grand Lodge of West Virginia is so young, that it cannot celebrate its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary. I am glad to see what Pennsylvania has done in the past one hundred and twenty-five years, and hope you will be as successful in the next one hundred and twenty-five. Your past speaks for itself, and I hope you may continue to carry on the same good work for the next one hundred and twenty-five years. I was born in Philadelphia, and I feel very much at home in coming back to this Grand Lodge, although it is the first time I have ever sat in it. I feel very much at home with you, and hope if any of you come to West Virginia you will make yourselves known.

"We have no grand regalia
And our Lodge is bare;
But that we keep to the old Landmarks
You will find when you are there."

If you ever want to go anywhere, come to West Virginia, and we will endeavor to do what we can for

you. We will endeavor to return your hospitality to the Grand Master of West Virginia while here, and we will be glad to have you come and stay as long as you can.

Brother J. Claude Keiper, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the District of Columbia:

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren: As was read here a few moments ago, I bring you the greetings of the Brethren on the banks of the Potomac through the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia upon this auspicious event in your history. To me, also, for the same reason as that given by the Brother who just spoke, this event is one of peculiar interest. I feel the utmost gratification and unbounded pleasure that I am privileged to unite with the Grand Lodge of my native State in these commemorative ceremonies. I believe that to every man the place of his birth and the home of his youth has a peculiar attraction, and so, naturally, the Masonic Fraternity of Pennsylvania occupy a warm spot in my affections and claim a high place in my regard. I have always noted with rejoicing the high position occupied by the Grand Lodge of this grand Old Keystone State among its Sister Grand Lodges, and I feel that I am enabled, therefore, to enter with earnestness and with sympathy beyond the ordinary into the ceremonies of the celebration which has

called us together today. One hundred and twenty-five years, measured by ordinary human standards, are a long time, but on listening to the ceremonies today, the thought comes to me that, measured as we as Masons should measure it, as a period of opportunity for sustained and intelligent effort for the mutual enlightenment of the world, for the uplifting and betterment of mankind and the dissemination of Masonic truth and light, it is long or short only as the results of our labors have been barren or fruitful. An organization which for a period of one hundred and twenty-five years has maintained an unbroken record of high achievement, has by that fact alone justified its existence. So, coming from a Jurisdiction, which in the spring of this year celebrated its one hundredth anniversary, even though small in acreage and limited perhaps in the number of its adherents, I want to say that we there regard the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as a Masonic monitor. Perhaps I am prejudiced in that respect, and regard it more partially than some of the Brethren of our Jurisdiction, but we have always thought that Pennsylvania has clung close to the established precepts of our Craft, that it has guided wisely and well the footsteps of its adherents in beneficent work, and that it has enriched the manhood of our country, as it has gone on its way adding to the sum of human happiness and substracting from the sum of human misery.

I bring you this wish from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia that you may long continue in this honorable, praiseworthy and patriotic cause, that added years may bring added honors, and my you, my Brethren, as men and as Masons, derive from the proud record of your past, the heritage left to you by your fathers, renewed incentive to higher effort in that future which spreads before your eyes as a pleasant prospect that is rich in hope and radiant in promise.

Brother Garrett L. Grier, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Delaware:

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren: It is with pleasure that I am here today to meet with you on the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. For one hundred and sixty years have we enjoyed most friendly and cordial relations with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and we hope those friendly relations will increase.

Brother George Roscoe Swift, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, representing the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Michigan:

Right Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren: It was a mistake when you picked me out for a speech maker, but when I received orders from my

superior, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Michigan, to come to the City of Brotherly Love and convey to you personally his greetings, and to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the greetings and congratulations of the seventy thousand true and tried men of Michigan, I boarded the train within an hour and started. Here I am, just a simple Craftsman among the million and a half Craftsmen of the United States who are attempting to bring about that which we have heard in the addresses this afternoon—the uplifting of humanity and the bringing to pass of that glorious time when swords will be turned into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; when the reign of the Blessed Emanuel, the Prince of Peace, will be universal and eternal. It is your duty and mine to be instrumental in this, practicing out of the Lodge those duties which we have been taught in it, and by discrete and virtuous conduct convincing mankind of the goodness of this institution, so that when anyone is said to be a member of it, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart can pour out its troubles, one to whom the distressed can go for aid, one whose hand is guided by justice and whose heart is expanded by benevolence. Thank you.

Brother Henry T. Burnap, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, representing the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Illinois:

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: When the Grand Master of Illinois a short time since, telephoned me, requesting that I represent him on this occasion, my first inquiry was, "What shall I have to do?" He replied, "Nothing at all but look pretty." Anticipating no further duties, I devoted my entire attention to being a thing of beauty and a joy forever. How well I have succeeded in that, I shall leave for you to judge. Right Worshipful Grand Master, I take advantage of this opportunity to convey to you and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the sincere congratulations of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois on the celebration of your one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary. The Masons of Illinois have not forgotten, and probably never will, that the first Lodge started in Illinois, which was then a part of the Northwestern Territory, was a Lodge called Western Star Lodge at Kaskaskia, in what is now the State of Illinois, in the year 1805, and that Lodge was started by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The seeds sown at that time by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have grown and developed and spread and extended, until today our Grand Jurisdiction embraces more than one hundred thousand true, loyal Brethren of this Fraternity. I wish, further, to express to you the regret of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Illinois that he is unable to be present in person.

The few days preceding the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, which takes place annually in the second week in October, are most busy ones for our executive officer, and it is almost impossible for him to get away from his office at this time. Therefore, he sent me, and I desire to express the personal pleasure it has given me to meet you, Right Worshipful Sir, the members of your Grand Lodge and the distinguished Brethren from other Jurisdictions, and I wish now to register the promise that if you will find my address and send me an invitation, I shall be pleased to be with you on your two hundredth anniversary.

Brother Royal A. Gove, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, representing the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Washington:

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren: The State of Washington has often been called the Pennsylvania of the West, and I desire to say that we are proud to bear that distinction. The name of Washington has been mentioned, and we consider it a proud thought that the Northwestern portion of the United States should have been reserved for his sacred name. Right Worshipful Sir, it gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Washington, to extend to you and to this Grand Lodge his hearty congratulations and best

wishes for your continued prosperity. This is my first visit to the East. I have been in Boston and New York, and now I am in your city. The wonderful things that are to be seen in these marvelous days are beyond my powers of description. The wonderful buildings, the magnificent Churches, the fine streets, the well dressed people, the splendid methods for conveying one from one part of the city to the other, the beautiful Masonic Temples, this being the finest in the world, are certainly great subjects for congratulation. These wonderful cities with such an enormous population are certainly one of the most wonderful developments of this wonderful country. Right Worshipful Sir, if I may say a word about Masonry in the far west, and about our State of Washington, perhaps it may not be amiss. It was my good fortune to preside three years ago at an occasion of a somewhat similar nature, although it was only the semi-centenary of the founding of our Grand Lodge. When the Grand Lodge was formed fifty-three years ago, there were in that territory one hundred and thirteen members. At the time of our semi-centennial, we had increased to about fourteen thousand, and it is wonderful to think that if the same ratio of increase is maintained for the next fifty years as has been maintained for the last fifty years, we will have at the end of that period more than a million and a quarter Masons in that State. We have in the State of Washington and in

the Pacific Northwest some things that we consider wonderful. We have a mountain which is considered the greatest glacial mountain in the world. We have in British Columbia the most magnificent mountain scenery in America. We have the most salubrious climate. We have the most fertile soil. We have the most wonderful inland sea in the world in Puget Sound. We have five trans-continental railways, and another means of communication by the Isthmus of Panama will soon be completed. Who can doubt with the wonderful resources of the Northwest, with Asia and its teeming millions as a market and with Alaska with its untold mineral wealth comparatively close by, that the growth and prosperity of the Northwest will be great? Right Worshipful Sir, I have taken great pleasure in listening to all that has been said today and to the eloquent sermon that we heard yesterday. I think that the usefulness of an occasion of this kind lies in this: the appropriation of the sentiments that we have heard to ourselves. It is not so much our duty to attempt to make our Brother better as to make ourselves better. Right Worshipful Sir, I wish to congratulate you upon the methods and means that you have given us a list of, by which this Grand Lodge has shown evidences of its desire to help the community and the poor. In our State we are about to open a Masonic Home. In this connection I desire to say that we must not lose sight of the fact

that all of our rituals and our obligations say nothing in reference to our collective duty as Lodges and Grand Lodges, but it is our own individual duty that is referred to, and that is the thing that we must ever bear in mind. Right Worshipful Sir, I desire again to extend the congratulations of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington to you and to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Brother Frank W. Havens, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary, representing the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Connecticut:

Right Worshipful Sir, Officers and Brethren: I do not propose to keep this meeting any length of time, but simply to say to you that twenty-five thousand Masons of Connecticut extend their hearty congratulations.

Brother Gilbert B. Pfoutz, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Utah:

Right Worshipful Grand Master: I came prepared to make something of a speech, but I note that the speakers who received the most applause were those who made the shortest speeches. Also, you are getting very tired from standing so long, and I will not detain you except to offer you the congratulations of our State, the smallest in America Masonically from a numerical standpoint, and to say to you personally that

it is more than a pleasure to be with you. Being a native son, born in this State and raised in this State and educated in the State, I come back, I hope, not as a prodigal son, but as one glad to be home again.

Brother George B. Orlady, Honorary Past Grand Master of Maryland:

Right Worshipful Grand Master: My other Grand Master, who has been for twenty-five years the Grand Master of Maryland, commissioned me by phone this morning to convey to you, and through you to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a continuance of his affections and brotherly regard, and his very great regret that he cannot be here to share in the festivities of the occasion. He assures me further that the reason for his not being here is neither a personal one nor one over which he had any control, but nothing short of a birth or a death would have kept him away.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 3 o'clock and 18 minutes P. M., and the Reverend Brother Joseph Krauskopf, D.D., Grand Chaplain, offered the following

PRAYER

O Thou, Whom people the world over address by different names, in different tongues and by different rites, Whom some call God and some Lord, some Jehovah and some Eternal, some Almighty and some

Father, we, Free and Accepted Masons, on the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, delight in addressing Thee as Supreme Architect and Builder of the Universe.

In thus addressing THEE, we are made all the more conscious that this marvelous universe and all that is therein, in the heavens above, and on the earth beneath, and in the waters under the earth, are all Thy handiwork, and that in having made the earth so beautiful, and in having provided so abundantly for all its creatures, Thou hast made manifest that it is Thy will and pleasure that it shall continue beautiful and blessed, that peace and concord and harmony shall abide therein forever, that no wrong shall ever mar it, no guilt shall ever stain it, that no cry of woe, no moan, no groan of injustice or intolerance shall ever resound from pole to pole and from sea to sea.

In leaving this hall and in returning to our various duties and callings, may we take with us anew a consciousness of the obligations we have sacredly assumed as Masons! May we become builders in Thy Name and in Thy Spirit, builders of Spiritual Temples for the enlargement and enfoldment of human souls, as has been so beautifully pointed out to us today by the Right Worshipful Grand Master! May our earth become all the more beautiful, and its people all the happier for our labors and ideals!

May our lives serve as clearest definition of the

meaning of Mason, as most convincing proof of the excellence of our Ancient Craft! May we prove our brotherhood more yet by public conduct than by secret sign or grip or password! May we show our mastership by mastering whatever of evil inclination there be within us! May we put the level and plumb-line to our own conduct and not find it wanting! May our practice square with our profession! May our love of fellowmen compass the globe and enclose within its circle, the needy and distressed, the suffering and sorrow-laden, whether of our Craft or outside of it, whether of our own creed or nationality, or of another!

May we prove by our conscientious interest in Municipal and State and National government, and in all that appertains to the good and welfare of our schools and colleges, that the advancement of patriotism and education are among the cardinal virtues of our Fraternity, as has been so well pointed out to us by the eloquent and learned addresses of the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, by the Provost of the University of Pennsylvania and by the Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh!

May we prove by our regard for things sacred, and by our active participation in things spiritual, that we hold our Fraternity as a handmaid of religion and not as a substitute for it! Masonry being one of the proudest products of religion, may the Church con-

tinue to command its fullest support, for our own good, and for the good of all mankind! *Amen.*

Response by the Brethren: So mote it be!

The Officers and Guests of the Grand Lodge then withdrew.

THE BANQUET

The tables for the banquet were set in the Grand Banquet Hall, in the corridor parallel with it, and in the Museum adjoining the Library, seats being arranged for 561 Brethren.

The decorations were palms, flowers and electric lights, the colors generally being purple and yellow. In the Banquet Hall, in the rear of the chair of the R. W. Grand Master, was an arch of smilax having upon it "125," and immediately under the figures were suspended the Square and Compasses and the Letter "G," the figures and letter being made of purple electric lights, while the Square and Compasses were of yellow.

The banquet was prepared and excellently served by Brother Jacob Wiener, of Philadelphia, and was greatly enjoyed.

During the banquet, which began at four o'clock, a musical programme was rendered.

The arrangement of the tables and seats was as follows:

Celebration of the

125th Anniversary of the Independence

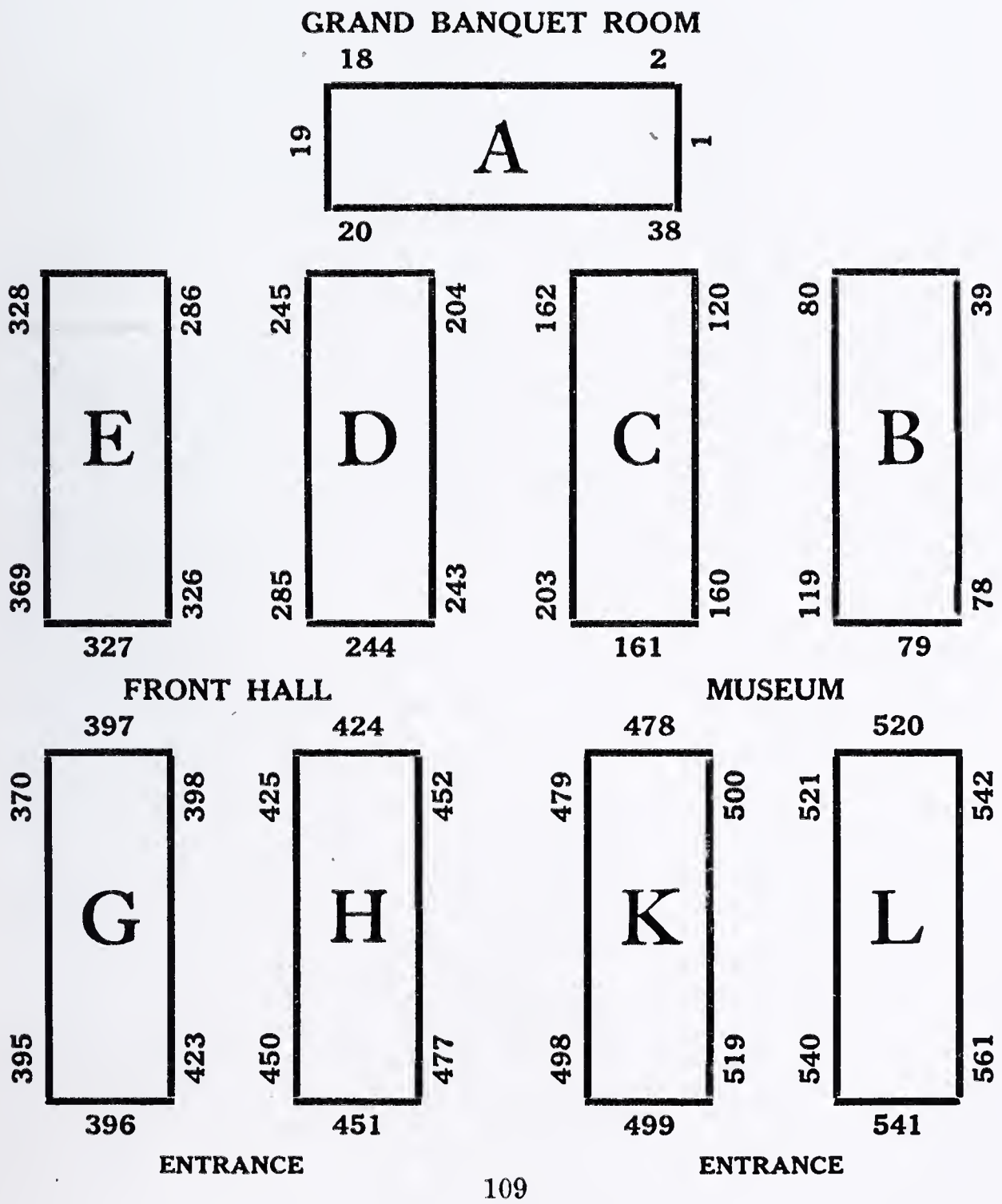
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The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M.

Held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia

Monday, September 25th, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911

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Arthur W. Baird H 477
Daniel Baird D 221
Charles I. Baker E 331
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Harry J. Bell B 41
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Harry G. Bogar B 93
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Thomas A. Bollman B 110
J. Gray Bolton C 163
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C. William Boozer L 530
George C. Bordner B 64
Samuel A. Boyle C 128
Howard W. Breitensteine L 524
Robert R. Bringhurst C 131
Jonathan S. Brintzenhoff L 554
John G. Broad C 188
Charles D. Brodhead G 402
Emson G. Brown H 461
Joseph H. Brown H 473
William H. Brown H 430
Henry G. Bruner D 255
Rinard R. Bulger B 119a
Jacob Glaser Bunn K 500
Ralph E. Burdick B 72
George C. Burgwin D 223

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James Burns, Jr.	D 273
Alured P. Burton	B 91
Charles B. Bush	E 326a

C

James J. Calhoun	E 347
Francis J. Callahan	E 308
Horace E. Campbell	
John D. Carr	C 181
George F. Carson	E 291
Robert H. Castle	K 488
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THE MENU

The menu, which was held together with white ribbon and enclosed in a white envelope, was made by Messrs. Loughead & Co., of Philadelphia, and was as follows:


GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA



One Hundred and Twenty-fifth

Anniversary

of the Independence of

The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge

of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of

Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania,

and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging

held in the

Masonic Temple

in the City of Philadelphia

Monday, September the Twenty-fifth

A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911

Grace by Brother David L. Ferris
Grand Chaplain

Menu

Lynn Haven Oysters
Celery Olives Radishes

Clear Green Turtle

Lobster Cutlet, and Broiled Oysters, a la Wiener

Broiled Spring Chicken
Hot Asparagus, Cream Sauce Marble Potatoes

Grand Lodge Sherbet
Salted Almonds Salted Pecans

Terrapin

Stuffed Reed Birds, with Peas
Combination Salad Cheese and Crackers

Ice Creams Water Ices
Chocolate Meringues Variety of Cakes

Fruits Bon Bons

Coffee

Cigars Cigarettes
White Rock Table Water

Brother Jacob Wiener, Caterer

Musical Programme

Coronation March		Meyerbeer
Humoresque		Dvorak
Spring Song		Mendelssohn
Vocal-"Greetings to Spring"		Strauss
Dance of the Houri		Combs
Vocal-"What from Vengeance" (Lucia)		Donizetti
Minuet		Paderewski
Serenade		Moszkowski
Vocal-"Soldiers' Chorus" (Faust)		Gounod
Mazourka Czardas	(Coppelia Ballet)	Delibes
Vocal-"Thoughts of Home"		Kromer
Excerpts "La Boheme"		Puccini
Vocal-"Hark the Silver Trumpet Calling"		Nevin
Caprice "Calinerie" Air de Ballet "Manon"		Combs
Vocal-"Pilgrims' Chorus" (Tannhauser)		Wagner
March "Patriot"		Geiger

Musical Director - Brother Gilbert Raynolds Combs



LETTERS OF REGRET

84, Eaton Place, S. W. [London.]
5th August 1911.

Hon. George W. Guthrie,
R. W. G. M., &c.

Dear Sir & Brother,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind invitation to be present at the Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on September 24th. Unfortunately the distance is too far, and my many engagements render it impossible for me to be present except in spirit.

Wishing you all success,
Believe me,
Yours fraternally,
Tullibardine,
Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

The Masonic Hall,
283 Castlereagh Street,
Sydney, July 27th, 1911.

George W. Guthrie, Esq., *Grand Master,*

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, U. S. A.

Dear Sir & Most Wor. Bro.

In the absence of our Grand Master in England, the Right Wor. Deputy Grand Master desires me to thank you for your invitation to be present at the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Independence of your Grand

Lodge on September 25th next, and to express regret on behalf of this Grand Lodge that the distance prevents us being personally represented on such an important occasion. He desires me to convey to your Grand body the best of good wishes from the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

I am,
Yours fraternally,
ARTHUR H. MAY,
Grand Secretary.

THE GRAND LODGE
OF
ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, July 27th, 1911

GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, ESQ., *Grand Master* Of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania,
Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, U. S. A.

Most W. G. Master,

Our Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. C. H. HARLEY, has handed to me your several communications of the 1st ult. and I ask you to accept my most grateful thanks for the kindly invitation extended to me, to be with you on Monday, the 25th September next, at High Twelve, to take part in the Celebrations of the One Hundred and twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Independence of your renowned Grand Lodge.

Under ordinary conditions I should have been delighted to

have availed myself of your kind invitation and would feel honored to take part in so memorable a function as you will then celebrate, but I sincerely regret that the distance is prohibitive and that I shall not be able to present the felicitation of my Grand Lodge and myself in propria personae. Under the unavoidable conditions I ask you, Most Wor. Brother, to accept from me on behalf of this, the youngest English speaking Grand Lodge in the world, and from myself personally, the most hearty congratulations on the auspicious event which you are celebrating, the assurance of the deepest reverence for the doings in the past of your Grand Lodge and the sincere hope that the good work which it has been engaged in, for the past one hundred and twenty-five years, may be continued for all time and if possible, still further augmented.

We in this country look with a great deal of pride and satisfaction to the Grand Lodges of your country for light and leading, in all that concerns the best interests of our ancient Fraternity and have learned a great deal of Masonic law and lore from the utterances of the many eminent brethren in the Craft, whom your country has given to the world.

With repeated assurances of respect, congratulations, reverence and kindliest regards to you, the Brethren of your Grand Lodge and Members of the Craft in America generally,

Believe me,
Most Wor. G. M. and Brother,
Yours very fraternally,

A. M. Hertzberg,
Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE
A. F. AND A. M. OF CANADA,
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
HAMILTON, ONT., Aug. 19, 1911.

GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, ESQ.,

Grand Master, G. L. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir & M. W. Bro:—

I beg to acknowledge your very kind invitation to the Grand Master of this jurisdiction to be present at the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The invitation was laid before our newly installed Grand Master, M. W. Bro. AUBREY WHITE, of Toronto, and he desires me to express his very great regret that his business will not enable him to avail himself of your kind invitation.

With regard to the appointment of a representative, he has not been able up to the present time to ascertain the name of any brother who can make it convenient to go, but if he does so, I will communicate with you at once.

Yours fraternally,

R. L. GRIMES,
G. Sec'y.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
ST. JOHN, N. B., Sept. 9th, 1911.

GEO. W. GUTHRIE, ESQ.,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—

Dear Sir & R. W. Bro.,

I regret very much that I am unable to accept of the

kind invitation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be present on the occasion of the celebration of the One Hundred and twenty-fifth Anniversary of their independence as a Grand Lodge.

I have very pleasant recollections of your kind reception last March, and have hoped until a few days ago that I could be with you on Sept. 25, but I find my numerous duties here will prevent me.

Thanking you for the courtesy extended, I remain

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

H. S. Bridges.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

of

A. F. & A. M. of Illinois.

Carlinville, Illinois, July 31, 1911.

Mr. George W. Guthrie,

M. W. Grand Master, F. & A. M.,

Masonic Temple,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brother Guthrie:—

I have your kind invitation to attend the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to be held at Masonic Temple in the City of Philadelphia on Monday, September 25, 1911. And also to the church services to be held at Christ Church in Philadelphia on Sunday, September 24th.

You don't know how greatly I should like to come. Our fall term of court will be in session at that time and I greatly fear that I shall find it impossible to accept the invitation.

I fear that I shall have to keep the harness on me and stay at home. It may be possible as time moves on that I may see a way of accepting the invitation. I want to be remembered with sincere congratulations to all the Brethren participating and should any remember me I beg you to assure them how greatly I appreciate your invitation and how greatly disappointed I am at not being able to accept it.

Fraternally yours,
A. H. Bell.

M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Kansas.

Topeka, September 21, 1911.

George W. Guthrie, Grand Master,
Philadelphia, Penna.

R.·.W.·. Brother:—

It is a source of great regret to me that I am unable to be with you on the occasion of the celebration of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This regret is intensified by the fact that I was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge No. 260, Carlisle, Penna.

On the 26th inst. our Grand Lodge will lay the corner stone of the municipal building at Hutchinson and Brother William H. Taft, President of the United States, will deliver the Oration. Were it not for this official duty I would be with you.

With fraternal greetings from the thirty-eight thousand Master Masons of Kansas to their brethren in Pennsylvania, I am,

Fraternally yours,
Alex. A. Sharp,
Grand Master of Masons in Kansas.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER
GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

DONALDSONVILLE, LA., June 18/11.

GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, ESQ.,
Right Worshipful Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M.,
Masonic Temple,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Sir and Right Worshipful Brother:—

I am in receipt of your very kind invitation to be present at the Exercises celebrating the One hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be held in the City of Philadelphia on the 25th day of September next.

I regret exceedingly the impossibility of being present on that occasion, but matters of business importance will necessitate my presence here just about that time.

I desire to express to you in the name of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana our earnest felicitations on this auspicious event and to extend to you our most sincere wishes for the continuance of the prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

With the assurance of my distinguished consideration, I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,
JOHN S. THIBAUT,
Grand Master
F. & A. M. of Louisiana.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY.

HELENA, MONTANA, September 13, 1911.

MR. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE,
Grand Master F. & A. M.,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My Dear Sir & M. W. Brother:

Some little time ago I received from you an invitation for our Grand Master to attend the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. As this observance is to be held on September 25, 1911, I take this means of advising you that undoubtedly the Grand Master of Montana will not be present.

Our Grand Lodge meets in Annual Communication on the 20th of this month and will be in session for two days.

It is a matter of great regret that our Grand Lodge cannot be represented at that time as I know the occasion will be one of great Masonic interest. We are not unmindful of how much we owe to Pennsylvania in a Masonic way and I recall at least one of our Past Grand Masters who was a Pennsylvania mason. I refer to our beloved Brother Captain James H. Mills, now deceased, who was initiated in Franklin Lodge, Pittsburg.

With assurances of our best wishes for the peace, harmony and prosperity of the Craft under your jurisdiction, I am

Fraternally yours,

CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR.,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE, A.·.F.·.AND A.·.M.·.OF NEBRASKA,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

KEARNEY, August 2, 1911.

GEORGE W. GUTHRIE,

R.·.W.·. Grand Master, F. and A. M. of Pennsylvania,

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.

R.·.W.·. Sir and Dear Brother:

Having received your very kind and fraternal invitation to be present at the Celebration of the One Hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the independence of your Grand Lodge and being unable to decide whether I could arrange my business so I could attend, as I very much desire to do, I have delayed answering. I have not yet decided positively about it. If I can attend, which will be a great pleasure, I shall be pleased to notify you later. In behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and that of myself I sincerely thank you for this very kind remembrance. It is with great pride and satisfaction the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania can look back on the great and glorious record it has made, and the work it has accomplished for the good of Masonry, and I may say of mankind, not only within its own borders but far beyond, where its influence for good and for the uplifting of our order, must be acknowledged; and I sincerely congratulate the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the great work it has accomplished and sincerely hope you will have a joyous and prosperous celebration.

Fraternally & truly yours,

HENRY GIBBONS,

Grand Master.

Office of the
Grand Master of Masons
in the State of New York.

225 Fifth Avenue,
New York, Sept. 10/11.

My dear Grand Master:

I have been waiting until this late day hoping things would shape themselves to permit of my presence with you on the occasion of the 125th Anniversary of your honorable Grand Lodge to occur this month. I find it will be impossible. May I at this time, and in this way offer to you my sincere congratulations that Penna. can claim you as her Grand Master at this peculiarly felicitous period in the life of this Grand Lodge. I offer my congratulations in a personal way, & I know full well your great interest in our Craft and all that it stands for. And your position in Masonry is all the more exalted because you represent outside of the Fraternity all that you stand for and uphold as one of its great standard bearers. I trust the occasion will bring you great personal joy. With assurance of warm personal & fraternal regard, believe me,

Faithfully your brother,
Robert Judson Kenworthy,
Grand Master.

M.·.W.·. George W. Guthrie,
Phila., Pa.

THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO, F. & A. M.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, Sept. 9/12, '11.

HON. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE,
R. W. Grand Master,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir and R. W. Brother:—

I regret exceedingly to tell you that it is going to be impossible for me to be present at the celebration of the One hundred and twenty-fifth Anniversary of your independence as a Grand Lodge. As you know, I had made definite plans to accept your invitation, but a number of other matters have arisen which makes it absolutely impossible for me to get away at that time.

Our Grand Lodge meets on the 17th of October and a number of things have come up in connection with that meeting, which require my attention between now and that time.

I wish to again thank you for the courtesy which you extended by inviting me to be present upon this occasion and I sincerely trust that you will have a most enjoyable time.

With assurances of my highest esteem, I remain,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

H. S. KISSELL,
Grand Master.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Sept. 24, 1911.

GEO. W. GUTHRIE,
Grand Master Masonic Temple,
Philadelphia, Pa.

On behalf of the eighty thousand Masons of Ohio I desire to extend heartiest congratulations on the one hundred and

twenty-fifth anniversary of the Independence of The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. I regret exceedingly my inability to be with you.

H. S. Kissell,
Grand Master.

Grand Lodge of Rhode Island
Free and Accepted Masons
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS

Providence, R. I., September 4, 1911.

George W. Guthrie, Esq.
R. W. Grand Master of Masons,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I beg to acknowledge, with sincere and hearty thanks, the receipt of your courteous invitation to attend the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Independence of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

I rejoice with you at the continued progress made by your Grand Lodge during its long history and I admire the strength and stability which it possesses, and I hope for you and for the brethren of the Keystone State a most successful and happy occasion.

I regret exceedingly that my business engagements will not permit me to absent myself from home at the time of the celebration.

Yours truly and fraternally,
James B. Gay,
Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.

SOUTH DAKOTA

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., August 12, 1911.

GEORGE W. GUTHRIE,
Grand Master of Masons,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Most Worshipful Brother:—

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your kindly and fraternal invitation to be present at the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Independence of your Grand Lodge.

I regret exceedingly that the duties of my office, added to those already devolving upon me, will so completely occupy my time and attention as to render it impossible for me to accept the invitation and be with you on the occasion.

I may say, however, that on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of South Dakota, I extend to you fraternal Greetings, and my own sincere good wishes for the prosperity of your Grand Lodge.

May the traditions and the history of the century and a quarter of your existence be to you and the brethren a pledge and inspiration of greater things in the future. May peace and harmony prevail. May justice, liberty, loyalty and patriotism thrive in your midst. May the lives and records of the men and Masons of your Grand Commonwealth, who have labored so long and so faithfully in building the Temple of Liberty and Brotherhood, be emulated throughout all time, and may you be evermore the Keystone in the Glorious Arch of Ancient Craft Masonry.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. L. BROCKWAY,
Grand Master.

M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of F. & A. M.

of Washington

office of the grand master.

Spokane, July 19, 1911.

Mr. George W. Guthrie, Grand Master,
F. & A. M.,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother:—

It is with profound regret that I am obliged to forego the pleasure of accepting your kind invitation to be with you at the Celebration of your One hundred and twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of the great State of Pennsylvania.

Our Jurisdiction being on the extreme Western side of the continent, it is impossible to avail ourselves of the many delightful functions held throughout the East.

My duties call me to Alaska within a few days to Constitute a new Lodge and install its Officers. In addition to the State of Washington the great Territory of Alaska is embraced in our Jurisdiction.

Again thanking you for your kind invitation, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

David S. Prescott,
Grand Master.

Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons,

state of wisconsin

Office of Grand Master.

Janesville, Wis., September 5, 1911.

Most Worshipful Sir and Dear Brother:

I have before me your invitation to attend the celebration

of the one hundred twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the 25th of September, 1911; also an invitation to be present at church services on the 24th of September.

I have delayed my reply in the hope that I might be able either to attend in person or to delegate some Master Mason of Wisconsin to go in my place.

I am very sorry to say that I am compelled to send my regrets. On behalf of the Craft in Wisconsin I thank you for the invitation; and I wish for you a successful celebration.

With regards to you and all the Craft in Pennsylvania, and with fraternal expressions of great esteem, I remain,

Sincerely,

ALEXANDER E. MATHESON,
Grand Master.

MR. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THE LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE AT ELIZABETHTOWN



GRAND LODGE HALL

MASONIC HOME, ELIZABETHTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA.

MASONIC CEREMONIES AT THE LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF "GRAND LODGE HALL" OF THE MASONIC HOMES AT ELIZABETHTOWN

The laying with Masonic ceremonies of the corner-stone of the "Grand Lodge Hall" of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, September 26, A.D. 1911, A.L. 5911, formed a fitting conclusion to the exercises in celebration of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Independence of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

The Committee on Masonic Homes consists of the Grand Master, R. W. Brother GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Brother WILLIAM L. GORGAS, the Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Brother J. HENRY WILLIAMS, and the Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Brother LOUIS A. WATRES, *ex officio,* and Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY, R. W. Past Grand Master, Brother DAVID A. SAWDEY (Lodge No. 392), Brother SPENCER C. GILBERT (Lodge No. 21), Brother JAMES B. KRAUSE (Lodge No. 397), Brother JOHN D. GOFF (Lodge No. 236), Brother DAVID F. COLLINGWOOD (Lodge No. 576), and Brother EDWARD W. PATTON Lodge. Brother SAMUEL W. WRAY (Lodge No. 121) is the Secretary of the Committee.

The Executive Committee consists of Brothers Orlady, Chairman, Gorgas, Gilbert and Williams, while Brothers Williams, Chairman, Gilbert, Kraus and Patton make up the Building Committee.

The property secured for the site of the Homes adjoins the Borough of Elizabethtown, in West Donegal Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and consists of 981.857 acres, purchased at a cost of $136,707.91, of which 180 acres are well wooded, and the balance is arable and pasture land of a superior quality, in the highest state of cultivation, there being a number of excellent houses on the different tracts making up the purchase.

In order to promote the general development of the property in a uniform and consistent manner, it was deemed advisable to procure the services of a competent landscape architect, who should coöperate with the selected architect and engineer for the general purpose of improvement and decoration of the grounds, and Mr. Charles N. Lowrie, of New York, President of the American Association of Landscape Gardeners, was secured.

A system of forestry was instituted so as to assure a uniform and harmonious development of the property into a State Arboretum, by which the Grand Lodge will have thereon a clump or grove of every kind of tree or shrub that is indigenous to this Commonwealth, and Brother Robert S. Conklin (Lodge

No. 286), Commissioner of Forestry of Pennsylvania, Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock (Lodge No. 376), Secretary of the State Forestry Reservation Commission, and Professor Harvey A. Surface, Economic Zoölogist of the State Department of Agriculture, were most helpful in advising the Committee. 26,000 white pine, 500 walnut, 200 elm and a large quantity of walnut and hickory trees have been planted. A tract of about forty acres was set apart for a fruit orchard, and Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 300, Huntingdon, planted nearly 2,700 trees of different fruits, while the same Lodge took charge of a grove of about twenty acres, in which it has planted nearly 6,000 shrubs, vines and bulbs from the mountains of Huntingdon County.

On the property are eighteen never failing springs of excellent pure water, yielding at least 180,000 gallons per day, while at the southeastern boundary is Conoy Creek (the title includes this stream for the distance of 3,600 feet), which flows 900,000 gallons per day, furnishing a convenient and safe outlet for sewage disposal. The general exposure is a southern and eastern slope, there being 250 feet difference in elevation between the lowest and highest points, the highest being 665 feet above tidewater. The Susquehanna River is five miles distant, and the locality is very free from fog and humid conditions, the general healthfulness of the neighborhood being attested by the State Board of Health.

The northeastern corner of the property is close to the Elizabethtown station, on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, so that no transfer by carriage is ordinarily needed. Elizabethtown is seventeen miles east of Harrisburg, nineteen west of Lancaster (with which it is connected by trolley line), and eighty-seven west of Philadelphia.

Possession was taken of the property April 1, 1910, and a house on the J. K. Landis tract, on the Elizabethtown and Falmouth Turnpike, near the railroad station, was rearranged for the use of the Committee and its assistants, and is called "Headquarters," and is in charge of Brother Amos Ziegler, (P. M., Lodge No. 398) and his excellent wife. On April 6, Brother Asbury W. Lee (Lodge No. 314), presented a white pine tree, native in Clearfield County, 85 feet long and 264 years old, to be erected as a flag pole on the premises. This was set up on the hill near "Headquarters," being raised through the voluntary efforts of Brothers John M. Bair (Lodge No. 43), Virginius P. Smith (Lodge No. 43) and Messrs. John Calhoun, Jacob Hatz and L. W. Black and their assistants, and Brother Lewis E. Beitler (Lodge No. 464) presented a set of National colors, consisting of garrison, post and storm flags.

A plate on the flagstaff bears the following inscription:

Presented

April 6, A. D. 1910

To The

Masonic Homes

Of The

Right Worshipful Grand Lodge

of Free and Accepted Masons

of Pennsylvania

by

Asbury W. Lee

of

Clearfield Lodge No. 314.

The first public exercises upon the property were the raising of the National flag on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 25, 1910, which were under the direction of Brother William L. Gorgas, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the R. W. Grand Master, Brother George W. Guthrie, not being able to be present. After prayer by the Right Reverend Brother James H. Darlington, Ph.D., D.D., LL.D., Grand Chaplain, and an address by Brother the Honorable Henry Houck (Lodge No. 226), Secretary of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, the flag was raised by the donor, Brother Lewis E. Beitler. After brief talks from Brothers John D. Goff and Spencer C. Gilbert, the benediction was given by the Reverend Brother Frederick Diehl (Lodge No. 486).

There were present representatives of forty-nine Lodges and some 1,500 spectators, including the children of the schools of Elizabethtown, which were closed in honor of the occasion, the day being observed as a holiday in the Borough.

The flag is displayed every day from sunrise to sunset.

At "Headquarters," a register, the gift of Brother Andrew H. Hershey (Lodge No. 43), is kept, which shows the presence of some thousands of visitors from all parts of the State.

A very useful and valuable gift was that of Brother William Henry Goll (Lodge No. 273), who presented 84 square granite markers, 6 inches by 6 inches by 5 feet in dimensions, for all the corners of the property, and they have been accurately placed as monuments to define our land.

It becoming necessary for the Committee on Masonic Homes to provide temporary quarters for Brethren needing accommodations before the first building could be completed, the two brick houses on the H. F. Hamaker tract, on the Falmouth Turnpike, and not far from "Headquarters," were thrown together, and properly prepared and equipped, and the same is now known as "Guest House No. 1," Mrs. Lilly F. Shaw, a sister of a member of the Fraternity, being the Matron, and the first Guest being received June 25, 1910.

Brother George B. Willson (P. M., Lodge No. 43), who had been most interested in securing the chosen site, was appointed Superintendent of the Homes.

The first Guest House not proving sufficiently large to accommodate those needing its shelter, a "Guest House No. 2," on the S. A. Oldwiler and M. N. Brady tract, on the Bainbridge Road, was remodeled, and on July 6, 1911, was first occupied, Mrs. Mary L. Kuhn, the widow of the late Brother John Kuhn (Lodge No. 551), being the Matron.

Up to to-day, September 26, 44 Guests have been received: 24 being Brethren, seven being wives, four being widows, four being daughters, and two being sisters, of Masons. Two Brethren have entered into Life Eternal, while one Brother left of his own accord, there being as our Guests at this time 41 persons, thirty-one in the first Guest House, and ten in the second.

The Committee elected as their engineer Brother J. Murray Africa, C.E. (Lodge No. 300), of Huntingdon, who made an accurate map of each individual tract and the whole property, showing all roads, springs, streams, buildings and improvements, and a model in plastic, showing an accurate contour and relief of the property. He laid out new roads, laid out and constructed and installed sewers, both storm and sanitary, designed and supervised the construction of the water supply system, consisting of three collect dams for the conservation of spring water, and

a reservoir holding in the aggregate 4,860,000 gallons, and a pumping station. The character of the water and the plans met with the approval of Brother Samuel G. Dixon, M.D., LL.D., (Lodge No. 368), Commissioner of Health of Pennsylvania, and his Chief Engineer, Brother F. Herbert Snow (Paul Revere Lodge, Massachusetts), and other competent authorities. Brother Africa also has prepared plans for a sewage disposal system, which have met with the approval of the State Board of Health.

The Lodges in the Lancaster District (District No. 1), viz.: No. 43, Lancaster; Washington, No. 156, Quarryville; Columbia, No. 286, Columbia; Ashara, No. 398, Marietta; Christiana, No. 417, Christiana; Lamberton, No. 476, Lancaster; Charles M. Howell, No. 496, Millersville; Casiphia, No. 551, Mt. Joy; Manheim, No. 587, Manheim; and Ephrata, No. 665, Ephrata, have undertaken to raise $25,000, to be applied on the cost of the water system. Ground for this was broken on September 13, 1910, in the presence of a large delegation of Lancaster County Brethren, there being used in the ceremony a full set of operative mason's tools, presented by Messrs. J. Jacob Shannon & Co. (Brother William L. Guenther, Lodge No. 158, Vice President), of Philadelphia, consisting of a plumb, level, square, compasses, spade, bar, hammer, chisel and pointing trowel, all nickel plated.

Bids for the construction of the water system and the road on the western boundary, were asked from eight prominent contractors in different parts of the State, and the contract was awarded to the firm of Messrs. John Goll & Co. (William Henry Goll, Lodge No. 273), of Philadelphia, as the lowest and best bidders, their bid being $54,275.99 for all of the proposed work (subject to the qualification that an additional amount should be paid if rock excavation should be found to be necessary), which is nearly completed.

The plans for the light and power system have been prepared by Mr. Isaac H. Francis, of Philadelphia.

Active work is being done in a number of other counties, notably Allegheny, Blair, Berks and Dauphin, towards raising funds to be applied to the payment for buildings and other works.

Some idea of the amount of work done may be obtained from the following: there have been 19,463 feet of cast-iron, and 3,808 feet of wrought-iron water mains laid; 5,978 feet of storm water sewer pipe laid; a duct for heat and light of 3,129 feet made and 18,774 feet of pipe laid; excavations amounting to 112,000 cubic yards have been made and used for grading; a mile and a half of Telford-Macadam road has been constructed and a sewer of over a mile and a half made, and a 25-foot concrete arch built over Conoy Creek.

The woods and fields have been carefully gone over, the underbrush cut out and the dead wood eliminated; the farm buildings have been put in excellent order, and the farm products have brought in a revenue of several thousand dollars, which has been turned into the treasury of the Grand Lodge.

On the F. W. Groff tract, about 300 feet south of the intersection of the Falmouth Turnpike and the Ridge Road, and adjoining the Mt. Moriah Grove, there has been erected a "Rest House," for the use of the Guests, and comfort and convenience of visitors, where in warm weather religious services may be held. It is octagonal in shape, 50 feet clear width inside, with cedar posts, panels and trusses, of cedar cut on the premises (Masonic emblems of cedar from Mt. Lebanon being worked in the panels), and cement floor; and there is nearby an unfailing supply of pure water. It has a commanding view of the adjoining Borough and the site of the Masonic Homes. Towards its construction, Huntingdon Commandery, No. 65, of Huntingdon, and Cromwell Lodge, No. 572, of Orbisonia, made generous contributions.

A picturesque and substantial stone wall has been constructed at the expense of a member of the Committee, from the "Headquarters" to the "Rest House."

A most convenient, healthful and attractive site having been secured, it became necessary for the

Committee to consider the matter of buildings, the style of architecture, the material to be used, and other cognate matters It was decided to procure a general plan for the layout of the ground and designs for the buildings by a competition among architects, and the Committee selected as their adviser Professor Warren P. Laird, Professor of Architecture in the University of Pennsylvania, a gentleman of established fame and reputation in his profession.

A full and careful programme was prepared for "a competition to procure a general plan and an architect for the Committee on Homes of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania," including a photograph of the site and a topographical map. From this, the following is quoted:

"30. The 'Home' is intended to be literally such; having the character of a place of comfort and protection for the members of a family rather than that of a retreat for 'inmates.' To this end the buildings should have an aspect of dignity and hospitality, avoiding as far as possible an institutional appearance. Grounds are to be treated as for the pleasure of the residents and every effort directed towards conditions making for peace, comfort and contentment.

"39. The group [of buildings] is to be planned for an ultimate population of about seven hundred persons, composed, in round numbers, of four hundred men and women, one hundred fifty boys and girls, and one hundred fifty officers and servants. For men and women will be provided a main building in which the community life will center and the

administration find place and cottages in two types; one of dormitories for groups of single persons, and the other dwellings to permit light house-keeping. The children will be provided with a school for each sex and homes, each under the care of a married couple. A chapel, hospital and various buildings for service will complete the group.

"40. Construction: Buildings are to be simple and restrained in architectural treatment, but must be of the best construction and finish. Fire-proof construction will be employed throughout."

No less than thirty-three sets of designs were received on June 18, 1910, the time appointed. These were passed upon by a jury consisting of Professor Laird, and two gentlemen, eminent as architects, selected by the competitors, Messrs. Walter Cook, of New York, and Frank Miles Day, of Philadelphia, who selected "No. 22" as having best met all the requirements. The report of the jury having been received and considered by the Committee on Masonic Homes, after careful examination and full discussion, it unanimously approved the selection of the jury, and the envelope bearing the number "22" being opened, it was found that Messrs. Clarence C. Zantzinger (Lodge No. 610), Charles L. Borie, Jr., and Milton B. Medary, Jr., of Philadelphia, were the authors of the successful design, and they were appointed as architects to design and supervise the work at present contemplated by the Committee,

which is a building to provide for the care of one hundred men and twenty women.

By the plan of competition adopted, neither jury nor Committee knew, or had any means of knowing, the identity of any of the architects competing, and it is worthy of note that each of the thirty-three competing architects selected the same site or location for the buildings on the ground.

Wide notice of the reception of bids having been given in different parts of the State, twenty bids were received, and the contract was awarded, on May 15, 1911, to the firm of Messrs. John R. Wiggins & Co., (Brother Francis K. Worley, Lodge No. 646, Vice President), of Philadelphia, for the sum of $373,715, and the same was ratified by the Grand Lodge, June 7, 1911.

Ground was broken for the new building on June 12, 1911.

On July 18, 1911, Brother George B. Willson was appointed Clerk of Works.

A power house and laundry, L-shaped, 91 feet 6 inches by 77 feet, is being constructed along the main line of, and connected with, the Pennsylvania Railroad by a siding for the purpose of unloading coal and other supplies, for the generation of heat, light and power for "Grand Lodge Hall" and cottages. The heating pipes and light cables are conducted to the village in a concrete duct 5 feet by 5 feet by 3,129 feet long.

The laundry wing is 43 feet 6 inches by 43 feet, and will be provided with modern equipment.

The first building to be erected is located on the Jacob G. Oldwiler tract, and will be called the "Grand Lodge Hall," and will be built in the English Tudor style of architecture of Holmesburg granite, with Indiana lime stone trimmings, and blue stone steps. The first floor will contain the library wing, 36 feet by 119 feet, the main portion, about 51 feet by 246 feet, the dining room wing, 44 feet by 146 feet, and the service wing, about 42 feet by 101 feet, the total length being 427 feet 4 inches.

The main portion will contain lobbies, common-room, coat room, offices and toilets.

The dining room will be about 39 feet by 140 feet, with a height of 49 feet and will seat 700 persons.

The library will be about 31 feet by 36 feet, with a height of 24 feet.

On the ground floor are to be located the steward's office, servants' dining room, game room, bowling alleys, bakery, carpenter shop, toilets, storage, etc.

In the cellar will be located the cold storage, etc.

On the second floor will be 23 bed rooms, a dormitory, servants' quarters, linen rooms, bath-rooms, and a committee room about 16 feet by 23 feet.

On the third floor there will be 56 alcoves, and necessary bath-rooms, etc.

PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS

It having been decided that the laying of the corner-stone of the "Grand Lodge Hall" should take place on Tuesday, September 26, the day following that on which the formal celebration of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge, was to be held, the following communication was sent to all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction:

GEORGE W. GUTHRIE,
R. W. Grand Master.

OFFICE OF THE
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS IN PENNSYLVANIA,
MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, August 24th, 1911.

To Subordinate Lodges and Members of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania;

Greeting:

You are fraternally invited to participate in the laying of the corner-stone of the

GRAND LODGE HALL, MASONIC HOMES,
at Elizabethtown, Pa., on
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1911,
at 12 o'clock, M.

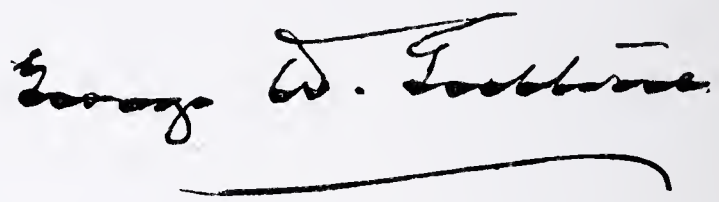
Permission is hereby granted to the Officers and Members of Lodges to appear in proper Masonic clothing; Officers are to wear collars, jewels and aprons appropriate to their rank, and members to wear aprons.

Masonic Dress.—Black clothes, black neck-tie, black high hat, black shoes and white gloves, to be worn.

Those in other apparel will not be allowed in line.

Give this information to your members, and advise me, at an early date, how many to expect.

Fraternally yours,



Grand Master.

TRANSPORTATION

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell individual tickets at one fare and three-fifths, from all points on its road, in this State east of Pittsburgh, Erie and Buffalo, which will be good on all regular trains that make schedule stop at Elizabethtown, on September 25 and 26, good on returning to September 27, inclusive.

For parties of 100 or more traveling together, round trip each direction within ten days time, fare will be one and one-half cents per mile, each person.

For the latter (parties of 100 or more) identification cards will be furnished by Brother Samuel W. Wray, Secretary to the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, upon receipt by him of the cash for 100 or more. Such round trip identification cards will admit the bearer to the train on which the party of not less than 100 persons travel together in both directions, and if lost or mislaid full fare will be charged.

At least 48 hours previous notice of a desire of parties of 100 or more to have a special train must be given to Brother Wray, that railroad arrangements may be made in advance.

This the Railroad Company requires.

Information as to regular trains scheduled to stop at Elizabethtown from all points may be obtained of your nearest P. R. R. Agent.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters of Districts near to Elizabethtown, to take general charge of the arrangements and act as

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Brother John W. Lansinger, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 1.

Brother William M. Donaldson, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 2.

Brother Samuel M. Goodyear, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 3.

Brother Adam H. Schmehl, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 7.

Brother Richard E. Cochran, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 42.

He also appointed an Auxiliary Committee, to whom he addressed the following letter:

George W. Guthrie,
R. W. Grand Master.

Office of the
Right Worshipful Grand Master of
Free and Accepted Masons in Pennsylvania,
Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, August 30, 1911.

My dear Sir and Brother:—

For the purpose of assisting the Brethren in the several

Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7 and 42, who desire to attend the laying of the Corner-stone of the Grand Lodge Hall, at Elizabethtown, on Tuesday, September 26, 1911, I have appointed the following AUXILIARY COMMITTEE for said Districts, viz.:

DISTRICT No. 1.

Bro.	MARTIN M. HARNISH	W.M.	of	Lodge	No.	43
"	CLAUDE D. ROOP	"	"	"	"	156
"	JOHN A. WATSON	"	"	"	"	286
"	SAMUEL L. FREY	"	"	"	"	398
"	SAMUEL S. WENDLE	"	"	"	"	417
"	HARRY I. EVANS	"	"	"	"	476
"	J. ALLEN HUNTER	"	"	"	"	496
"	HENRY HERSHEY MYERS	"	"	"	"	551
"	JOHN B. GRAYBILL	"	"	"	"	587
"	WALTER W. MOYER	"	"	"	"	665

DISTRICT No. 2.

Bro.	ROBERT W. HOY	W.M.	of	Lodge	No.	21
"	WARREN L. MARK	"	"	"	"	364
"	WILLIAM S. SNYDER	"	"	"	"	464
"	JOHN R. GEYER	"	"	"	"	486
"	JOHN H. LEHR	"	"	"	"	570
"	WARREN BYRON KEIM	"	"	"	"	629
"	WILLIAM H. EARNEST	"	"	"	"	666

DISTRICT No. 3.

Bro.	EMORY C. OYLER	W.M.	of	Lodge	No.	143
"	JOHN H. LISZMAN	"	"	"	"	197
"	ANDREW G. MILLER	"	"	"	"	260
"	SAMUEL N. WISE	"	"	"	"	262
"	JOHN D. SPONG	"	"	"	"	302
"	DAVID K. ANGLE	"	"	"	"	315
"	HENRY RHEA DOUGLAS	"	"	"	"	361
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Bro.	Charles H. Williamson, Jr.	W.M.	of	Lodge	No.	62
"	Samuel H. Derickson	"	"	"	"	226
"	Jacob H. McConnell	"	"	"	"	227
"	Charles P. Schaeffer	"	"	"	"	307
"	J. Michael Hertlein	"	"	"	"	367
"	Nathan S. Levan	"	"	"	"	377
"	Brady L. Sellers	"	"	"	"	406
"	Milton W. Yocum	"	"	"	"	435
"	George K. Lutz	"	"	"	"	479
"	Jonathan S. Brintzenhoff	"	"	"	"	549
"	Henry L. Sartorius	"	"	"	"	660

District No. 42.

Bro.	McClean Stock	W.M.	of	Lodge	No.	266
"	James Y. Miller	"	"	"	"	451
"	Mervin E. Haugh	"	"	"	"	503
"	Cornelius S. Snyder	"	"	"	"	649
"	Samuel A. Wise	"	"	"	"	663

It shall be the duty of this Committee to assist the District Deputy Grand Masters in arranging for transportation of the Brethren of their several Districts.

They should familiarize themselves with the most convenient route, ascertain the number desiring to participate, arrange with the railroad for adequate accommodations, advise Brethren as to terms of transportation and schedule of trains both directions, and generally do all in their power to assist the visiting Brethren, as well as for their convenience and comfort.

Brother George B. Willson, Superintendent, at Elizabethtown, will, on application, render assistance and give you information.

As no Brother will be permitted to join in the procession

unless in proper Masonic clothing, including an apron, you will see that all attending from your District are so provided.

A Reception Committee will be appointed to assist the Executive Committee, and on your arrival at Elizabethtown you will confer with that Committee and act in unison.

The Brethren from each District will march together in the procession. If the Worshipful Master and Officers of a Lodge are present, the Brethren of such Lodge will march in the procession in Masonic order; and the Brethren of Lodges whose Officers are not present will be assigned to proper places.

The orderly performance of the ceremonies and the appearance and comfort of the Brethren will largely depend on the manner in which you perform your duties.

Your Committee will be furnished with white badges by Brother Willson, at Elizabethtown, on that day.

Fraternally yours,

George D. Boggs

Grand Master.

He also appointed the following:

RECEPTION COMMITTEE:

Bro. Abraham C. Treichler, Chairman.	Lodge	No.	286, Columbia.
" Amos Ziegler, P.M.	"	"	398, Marietta.
" George D. Boggs	"	"	551, Mount Joy.
" Royer Buch	"	"	551, Mount Joy.
" Harvey Buch	"	"	551, Mount Joy.
" Frank Dissinger, P.M.	"	"	551, Mount Joy.
" Henry Huntzberger	"	"	551, Mount Joy.

Bro. Harry Miller	Lodge	No.	551, Mount Joy.
" Reuben C. Gross	"	"	551, Mount Joy.
" John L. Jacobs	"	"	398, Marietta.
" Michael R. Hoffman, P.M.	"	"	398, Marietta.
" Henry C. Schoch, P.M.	"	"	551, Mount Joy.
" Oliver G. Longnecker, S.W.	"	"	551, Mount Joy.
" James W. Aikins, P.M.	"	"	417, Christiana.
" James H. Marx, P.M.	"	"	377, Kutztown.
" George A. Gorgas, P.M.	"	"	464, Harrisburg.
" John M. J. Raunick, P.M.	"	"	21, Harrisburg.
" Samuel D. Sansom, P.M.	"	"	629, Harrisburg.
" Lewis M. Neiffer, P.M.	"	"	570, Lykens.
" George W. McIlhenny, P.M.	"	"	570, Lykens.
" Henry W. Techmeyer, P.M.	"	"	21, Harrisburg.
" Charles C. Schriver, P.M.	"	"	464, Harrisburg.
" Livingston V. Rausch	"	"	375, McKeesport.
" Simon S. Bowman, P.M.	"	"	364, Millersburg.
" John C. Carter, P.M.	"	"	43, Lancaster.
" Andrew H. Hershey, P.M.	"	"	43, Lancaster.
" George R. Rohrer, P.M.	"	"	43, Lancaster.
" William L. Marshall, P.M.	"	"	476, Lancaster.
" Paul Heine	"	"	476, Lancaster.
" Frank G. Hartman, P.M.	"	"	476, Lancaster.
" J. Brua Hoyer, P.M.	"	"	143, Chambersburg.
" John D. Mishler	"	"	660, Reading.
" Jenkin Hill, P.M.	"	"	435, Reading.
" Frederick A. Marx, P.M.	"	"	660, Reading.
" Frederick W. Lauer, P.M.	"	"	62, Reading.
" Charles D. Weirick, P.M.	"	"	226, Lebanon.
" John D. Brown, P.M.	"	"	226, Lebanon.
" Bernard J. Myers, P.M.	"	"	476, Lancaster.
" William Z. Sener, P.M.	"	"	476, Lancaster.
" Charles A. Grady	"	"	398, Marietta.
" C. Penrose Hipple, P.M.	"	"	398, Marietta.
" Adam Bahn	"	"	398, Marietta.

Bro. Joseph W. Yocum, P.M..... Lodge No. 286, Columbia.
" Luther J. Schroeder, P.M..... " " 286, Columbia.
" William S. Hastings, P.M..... " " 417, Christiana.
" John M. Rhey..... " " 361, Newville.
" Harry H. Rhodes, P.M..... " " 486, Middletown.

writing to each of them, as follows:

George W. Guthrie,
R. W. Grand Master.

Office of the
Right Worshipful Grand Master of
Free and Accepted Masons in Pennsylvania,
Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, August 30, 1911.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have appointed you a member of the RECEPTION COMMITTEE, to serve on the occasion of the laying of the Corner-stone of the Grand Lodge Hall of the Masonic Homes, at Elizabethtown, Pa., on Tuesday, September 26th, 1911, at 12 o'clock, noon.

It will be your duty to look after the Brethren who may visit the site on that day, and to assist the EXECUTIVE and AUXILIARY COMMITTEES appointed by me, in giving reliable information and proper answers to questions, and in caring for the comfort of those present. You will also assist the Grand Marshal in the performance of his duties, to whom you will report on the grounds, where it is desirable you should be, ready for duty, at as early an hour as possible that day.

You will also confer with Brother George B. Willson, Superintendent at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

Your Committee will be provided with blue badges, which will be furnished by Brother WILLSON, at Elizabethtown, on that day, to enable you to be distinguished by strangers.

You will have a duty to perform conjointly with the other Committees, who will wear purple and white badges, respectively, and all will have one purpose, viz., the glory of the great charity, the due and orderly character of the work, and the comfort of the Brethren present.

Fraternally yours,

George W. Forbes

Grand Master.

Brother WILLSON met the many calls made upon him with good nature and great success.

MASONIC CEREMONIES

Tuesday, September 26, A.D. 1911, A.L. 5911, was a fair Autumn day, quite warm, with a fine cool breeze blowing.

Brethren and others began to arrive about half past seven o'clock in the morning. The Altoona and Harrisburg Brethren arrived by special train at 10:06; the Lebanon Brethren at 10:15; the Lancaster Brethren at 10:35; the Reading Brethren at 10:40; the Grand Lodge Officers and the Philadelphia Brethren about 11 o'clock, and the Marietta Brethren at 11:14. Brother EDWARD F. DUNLAP (Lodge No. 393), Passenger Trainmaster of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was in charge of the movement of the trains.

The line of procession was formed on the Falmouth Turnpike, the Lodges being arranged in order of seniority, except that the Lancaster County Lodges were assigned to a place in front of the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, as were the members of the Reception and Auxiliary Committees. The members of the Committee on Masonic Homes and the Executive Committee were with the Officers of the Grand Lodge.

The first Lodges in line were Riverside, No. 503, Wrightsville, Zeredatha, No. 451, and York Lodge, No. 266, all of York County.

Four bands furnished music, Thomas's Philadelphia Band, Brother A. Howard Thomas (P. M., Lodge No. 610), leader, which preceded the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge; the fourth Regiment Band of Lancaster, which preceded the Lancaster County Brethren; the Ringgold Band of Reading, Brother Monroe A. Althouse (Lodge No. 367), leader, which preceded the Reading Lodges; and Shope's Harrisburg Band, Brother Cornelius B. Shope (Lodge No. 629), leader, which preceded the Harrisburg Brethren. The services of Brother Thomas's Band, composed of sixty Brethren, were generously given gratuitously. After the exercises were over, the bands delighted large crowds with their beautiful music.

The members of the Lodges were arranged in the usual order, under their Marshal,—the Grand Marshal going first:

Tyler.

Members.

Pursuivant.

Masters of Ceremonies.

Deacons.

Chaplain.

Past Masters.

Treasurer and Secretary.

Wardens.

Master.

The Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge were formed as follows:

Band.

Grand Tyler.

Members of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Stewards.

Grand Deacons.

Grand Chaplains.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Past Grand Masters.

Visiting Grand Masters.

Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Grand Wardens.

Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Master.

Grand Sword Bearer.

The following Officers of the Grand Lodge were present:

Bro. George W. Guthrie . . .	R. W. Grand Master.
" William L. Gorgas . . .	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" J. Henry Williams . . .	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Louis A. Watres	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" William B. Hackenburg .	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" John A. Perry	Deputy Grand Secretary, Acting R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Edgar A. Tennis . . .	R. W. Past Grand Masters.
" George W. Kendrick, Jr.	
" George B. Orlady . . .	

Bro. Samuel A. Boyle . . .	
" George Hale	
" John W. Lansinger . .	
" William M. Donaldson .	
" Samuel M. Goodyear . .	
" George H. Shirk . . .	
" David A. Weaver . . .	
" Thaddeus S. Adle . . .	
" Adam H. Schmehl . .	
" James N. Richards . .	
" John Frederick Beitel .	District Deputy Grand Masters.
" Aaron R. Trumbower .	
" Woodward Levenworth	
" Thomas F. Wells . . .	
" William H. Hulsizer .	
" Homer E. Spencer . .	
" John G. Hess	
" Ezra C. Doty	
" William F. Cullis . .	
" David A. Sawdey . .	
" William B. Meredith .	
" William M. Hamilton .	
" James W. McDowell .	
" John S. Sell	
" James McLaren . . .	
" Howard C. Frontz . .	
" William L. Sidler . .	
" John D. Goff	
" Samuel Hamilton . .	
" John G. Broad	
" Richard E. Cochran . .	
" Frederic A. Godcharles	
" William B. McIlroy . .	
" J. Harvey Harrison . .	

Rev. Bro. J. Gray Bolton, D.D.	Grand Chaplains.
" " William B. Chalfant, D.D.	
" " Frank B. Lynch	
" " Charles H. Bond	
" " Thomas M. Jackson	
" " Robert Hunter, D.D.	
" " Richard Montgomery	
Bro. James M. Lamberton	Senior Grand Deacon.
" Samuel W. Wray	As Junior Grand Deacon.
" J. Harris Mussina	Grand Steward.
" Thomas C. Stellwagon	As Grand Steward.
" J. Warner Hutchins	Grand Marshal.
" George M. McCandlass	Grand Sword Bearer.
" William A. Rhoads	As Grand Pursuivant.
" William B. Joslyn	As Grand Tyler.
Bro. George W. Guthrie, R. W. Grand Master.	Committee on Masonic Homes.
" William L. Gorgas, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.	
" J. Henry Williams, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.	
" Louis A. Watres, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.	
" George B. Orlady, R. W. Past Grand Master.	
" David A. Sawdey, Lodge No. 392.	
" Spencer C. Gilbert, Lodge No. 21.	
" James B. Krause, Lodge No. 397.	
" John D. Goff, Lodge No. 236.	
" Edward W. Patton, Lodge No. 543.	

Bro. Samuel W. Wray . . . . Lodge No. 121.	Secretary of Committee.
" J. Murray Africa . . . Lodge No. 300.	Engineer.
" George B. Willson . . . Lodge No. 43.	Superintendent and Clerk of Works.
" Clarence C. Zantzinger . Lodge No. 610.	One of the Architects.

(Messrs. Charles L. Borie, Jr., and Milton B. Medary, Jr., the other Architects, were also present.)

Brother Charles H. Wiggin, M. W. Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire, Brother William B. McChesney, M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, and Brother G. Roscoe Swift, M. W. Past Grand Master of Masons in Michigan, accompanied the Grand Officers.

Near the platform erected for the Officers of the Grand Lodge was another platform for the Guests of the Homes, thirty-seven of whom were able to be present.

The corner-stone is of High Island, Maine, granite, and weighed 6,480 pounds.

The procession was formed under the orders of the Grand Marshal.

When the head of the procession reached the West end of the platform prepared for the Grand Lodge, it was halted, the ranks were opened to the right and left, facing inward, and the Brethren uncovered.

The R. W. Grand Master, preceded by the Grand

Sword Bearer, and followed by the other Officers of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Masonic Homes, and the members of the Grand Lodge, in reverse order, advanced through the opened ranks to the East of the platform, the band playing a march.

The R. W. Grand Master took his station, and directed the Officers of the Grand Lodge to take their respective stations and places.

The Grand Marshal advanced to the centre of the platform, faced the East, and proclaimed:

Silence! Silence! Silence!

and returned to his place.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master addressed the R. W. Grand Master:

Right Worshipful Sir:

The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, at the Quarterly Communication, held December 5, A.D. 1906, A.L. 5906, unanimously authorized the creation of a Committee on Masonic Homes consisting of the R. W. Grand Master, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the R. W. Senior Grand Warden, the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and seven members of the Grand Lodge chosen annually by ballot, whose duty it shall be to provide for the estab-

lishment of, admission to, and management of Masonic Homes in this Jurisdiction for indigent Masons and their wives, widows of deceased Masons, and orphan children of Freemasons; and at the Quarterly Communication, held December 2, A.D. 1908, A.L. 5908, unanimously resolved that the said Committee on Masonic Homes be authorized to employ an architect or architects, superintendent, workmen, and such other persons as may be deemed necessary; to adopt plans and specifications, and make every necessary contract for the erection of a Masonic Home and other buildings and constructions, on the land purchased by said Committee.

This Committee, acting on the authority thus conferred upon it, has decided to erect on this spot the first building to be called and known by the name of the "Grand Lodge Hall;" the members and Brethren are now here assembled for the purpose of witnessing the impressive ceremony of laying the Corner-stone of the edifice. The necessary arrangements have been made by the Committee, and the Corner-stone is prepared, and is now ready to be made the foundation stone of this new Home.

The Reverend Brother J. Gray Bolton, D.D., Grand Chaplain, then made the following

INVOCATION.

O Thou Supreme Architect of the Universe, in Thy Name we assemble and lift our hearts unto Thee, O Creator and Ruler of the World. Deign to look upon us from the Throne of Thy majesty, even upon us, unworthy supplicants of Thy favor. Of Thine only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service. We invoke Thy presence and Thy blessing upon the work of our hands to-day. We beseech Thee, our God, let Thy blessing continue upon our Nation and Commonwealth. Bless our Brother the President of these United States, our Brother the Governor of this Commonwealth, the legislative and judicial officers of the land and Nation, and all who are united with them in authority. May they all be men in whom Thou canst find delight, and by whom Thou wilt bring upon Thy people great prosperity. And now, Almighty Architect of the Universe, remember Thy servants, and direct us in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor. Lend Thine aid and bestow Thy benediction as we prepare and lay the Corner-stone of the edifice here to be erected; for except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. May the structure knit together by this stone, in the beauty and grandeur of its material parts, typify the abiding presence of that righteousness which alone exalteth a nation. O Thou Sovereign Architect of the Universe, have respect

unto the prayer of Thy servants, and to their supplications, and enkindle, we beseech Thee, in our hearts a flame of true devotion and reverence for Thee, brotherly kindness for each other, and charity for all mankind. And unto the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Response by the Brethren: So mote it be.

The Brethren then sang:

MASONIC ANTHEM (L. M. "Hebron")

In every clime, from age to age,
Masons performed their mystic rite,
Craftsmen, scholar, poet and sage,
Met, and beheld Masonic light.

In every clime, in every nation,
Masons their Temple built in peace,
From Corner-stone to dedication,
No discord caused their work to cease.

Apprentice, Craft, and Master Mason,
Each his alloted task performed,
And in whatever place or station,
Devoted faith his work adorned.

Strong in this faith, in bonds united,
Which hostile men essay to sever,
Our solemn vows to each are plighted,
To be a Brotherhood forever.

The R. W. Grand Master then directed the R. W. Grand Treasurer to place the documents, coins and other valuable articles, in the Corner-stone.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer, having deposited the articles in the box placed in the cavity of the Corner-stone, addressed the R. W. Grand Master:

Right Worshipful Grand Master:

The coins and other valuable presents, set apart to be placed in the Corner-stone of the new building, are now duly deposited there; and your directions have been faithfully obeyed.

The R. W. Grand Master then directed the R. W. Grand Secretary to read a list of the articles so deposited, as follows:

LIST OF ARTICLES DEPOSITED IN THE CORNER-STONE OF "GRAND LODGE HALL"

The Holy Bible.

The Ahiman Rezon.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M., for the years 1892–1910.

Programme of Masonic Ceremonies for Laying the Corner-stone of the "Grand Lodge Hall," Masonic Homes, R. W. Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania at Elizabeth-town, Pa., on Tuesday, September 26, 1911, at 12 o'clock, M.

Program of a Competition to Procure a General Plan and an Architect for the Committee on Homes of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Penna.

Plans and Specifications for Grand Lodge Hall by Messrs. ZANTZINGER, BORIE & MEDARY, Architects, Philadelphia, Pa., and Contract of Messrs. J. R. WIGGINS & Co., Contractors and Builders, Philadelphia, Pa.

Photograph of the Site of the Masonic Homes.

Lodge Apron and Jewels.

Reports of the Committee on Masonic Homes for 1909 and 1910.

Account of the Laying of the Corner-stone of the New Masonic Hall, Third and Walnut Streets, Harrisburg, Pa., on September 23, 1872, contributed by one of the Guests, Mrs. CHARLOTTE E. CHILD, widow of the late Brother SULLIVAN S. CHILD (Lodge No. 398).

Smull's Legislative Hand Book and Manual of the State of Pennsylvania for 1910.

Nine old coins contributed by Brother ABRAHAM C. TREICHLER, M.D. (Lodge No. 286), Elizabethtown.

Nine old coins contributed by Brother THOMAS S. PETERS (Lodge No. 464), Harrisburg.

Twenty-two old coins contributed by Brother JAMES B. KEISER (Lodge No. 62), Reading.

Manning's Masonic Register of F. & A. M. for the State of Pennsylvania for 1911.

Newspapers of the day as follows: Elizabethtown *Chronicle* and *Herald.* Lancaster *Examiner, Intelligencer, Morning News,* and *New Era.* Pittsburgh *Dispatch* and *Post.* Harrisburg *Patriot, Star-Independent* and *Telegraph.* Philadelphia *Inquirer, Ledger, North American, Press, Record, Bulletin* and *Evening Telegraph.*

Thomas's Philadelphia Band then played the "Coronation March," by KRITSHMER.

The R. W. Grand Master then addressed the R. W. Deputy Grand Master:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master:

It is my will and pleasure that the Corner-stone of the new building be now laid. You will announce the same to the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, that he may announce it to the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, with directions to proclaim the same to the Brethren, that all present may govern themselves accordingly.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master then addressed the R. W. Senior Grand Warden:

Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden:

It is the Right Worshipful Grand Master's will and pleasure that the Corner-stone of the new building be now laid. You will announce the same to the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, with directions to proclaim the same to the Brethren, that all present may govern themselves accordingly.

The R. W. Senior Grand Warden then addressed the R. W. Junior Grand Warden:

Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden:

It is the Right Worshipful Grand Master's will and

pleasure that the Corner-stone of the new building be now laid. You will proclaim the same to the Brethren, that all present may govern themselves accordingly.

The R. W. Junior Grand Warden then said:

Brethren:

Take notice, it is the Right Worshipful Grand Master's will and pleasure that the Corner-stone of the new building be now laid on this site. You will therefore govern yourselves accordingly.

The R. W. Grand Master then addressed the R. W. Deputy Grand Master:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master:

You will see that the Craftsmen have well and truly prepared the Corner-stone to be laid by me.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master then proceeded to the Stone with the Square, tested and tried it, returned to his station, and said:

Right Worshipful Grand Master:

I find the Corner-stone of this new building Tried and True, Trusty and Square, and that the Craftsmen have worked well.

The R. W. Grand Master then said:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, and Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden:

You will proceed to the Corner-stone, while the workmen and laborers are laying it in its proper position, at the northeast angle of the foundation; try it with the Plumb, Level, and Square, and report to us if it is well and duly prepared.

The Grand Officers proceeded as directed.

The Corner-stone was then lowered to its bed, and placed in its proper position. The R. W. Junior Grand Warden tried it with the Plumb, and said:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master:

I find the Corner-stone Plumb;

and returned to his station.

The R. W. Senior Grand Warden tried it with the Level, and said:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master:

I find the Corner-stone Level;

and returned to his station.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master tried it with the Square, returned to his station, and said:

Right Worshipful Grand Master:

I find the Corner-stone of this new building Plumb,

Level, and Square, and that the Grand Officers have approved the work.

The Brethren then sang:

PSALM (L. M. "DUKE STREET")

With one consent let all the earth
To God their cheerful voices raise;
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before Him songs of praise.

Convinced that He is God alone,
From Whom both we and all proceed;
We, whom He chooses for His own,
The flock that He vouchsafes to feed.

For He's the Lord, supremely good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth, which always firmly stood,
To endless ages shall endure.

The Grand Deacons then proceeded to the Corner-stone, the Senior Grand Deacon carrying the Gavel, and the Junior Grand Deacon carrying the Trowel.

The R. W. Grand Master, preceded by the Grand Marshal and the Grand Sword Bearer, then proceeded to the Corner-stone, took the Trowel from the Junior Grand Deacon, and spread the cement, when the covering stone was fixed in its place by the workmen. He then took the Gavel from the Senior Grand Dea-

con, struck the Corner-stone three times therewith, and returned to his station, and the other Officers returned to their places.

The R. W. Grand Master then said:

I, George W. Guthrie, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, declare this Corner-stone to be Plumb, Level, and Square, and so duly laid according to the Ancient Usages, Customs, and Landmarks of Freemasonry; and may the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth bless the work here begun, and make it memorable to the latest generations!

Eshleman's Band then played the "Ida and Dottie Polka" (Cornet Duet) by F. H. Losey.

The Grand Stewards then proceeded to the Corner-stone, one carrying the vessel containing the Corn, the other the vessels containing the Wine and the Oil.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, with the R. W. Grand Wardens, then proceeded to the Corner-stone, and the Grand Steward presented the Cornucopia to the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, who dropped the Corn on the stone, and said:

May plenty be showered down upon the people of this ancient Commonwealth, and may the labors of

the Craft be refreshed by the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift!

The Grand Steward then presented the Wine to the R. W. Senior Grand Warden, who poured it on the Stone, and said:

May health and safety be vouchsafed to the Craftsmen employed in the erection of this new building, and may the Supreme Architect bless and prosper all their labors!

The Grand Steward then presented the Oil to the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, who poured it on the Stone, and said:

May the Supreme Ruler of the World vouchsafe unity, peace, and prosperity to the people of Pennsylvania, and to the nations of the earth; preserve and protect the Fraternity of Freemasons; make the virtues of the Craft a lesson to the world, and the labors of the Craftsmen easy and their burdens light!

The Officers then returned to their stations and places.

The Amphion Quartette of Lancaster, Brothers Warren S. Burch (Lodge No. 587), Harry I. Boyd (Lodge No. 576), John M. Kendig (Lodge No. 487), and Samuel B. Smith (Lodge No. 476), then sang the following:

ANTHEM

Now the Corner-stone is laid,
  Soon the classic walls shall rise;
Glory be to God on high,
  For this Fraternal enterprise.
May thy Halls breathe peace and rest
  To our Brethren sore oppressed;
May e'er be enshrined in Thee
  The noblest, purest, in Freemasonry.

Modestly the spires shall rise;
  Here this hall shall firmly stand,
The glory of our noble Craft;
  Let God be praised forever more.
Always gracious He will be,
  Full of love and joy to thee;
Exalt and glorify Him now,
  And always, always glorify His Name.

The Chairman of the Building Committee, Brother J. Henry Williams, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, then presented to the R. W. Grand Master, Brother Clarence C. Zantzinger, one of and representing the Architects (Brother Zantzinger, and Messrs. Charles L. Borie, Jr., and Milton B. Medary, Jr.), saying:

Right Worshipful Grand Master:

Let me present to you Brother Zantzinger, one of the Architects of the new building. They have their Craftsmen ready for the work, and desire you to give them the designs from the trestle-board, and the tools of the workmen.

The R. W. Grand Master then handed him plans and tools, and intrusted the Architects with the work.

The Brethren then sang:

HYMN ("OLD HUNDRED")

Before Jehovah's awful throne,
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone;
He can create, and He destroy.

We are His people, we His care,
Our souls, and all our mortal frame:
What lasting honors shall we rear,
Almighty Maker, to Thy Name?

We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs;
High as the heaven our voices raise;
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.

The Grand Marshal then advanced to the centre of the platform, faced the East, and, after commanding silence, made proclamation three times in the following manner:

Brethren:

Take notice, that Brother George W. Guthrie, Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto



George B. Oreadh

R. W. PAST GRAND MASTER.

Belonging, has this day, at this place, laid the Corner-stone of the Grand Lodge Hall of the Masonic Homes.

After the third time he added:

Wisdom! Strength! Fraternity!

The following Oration was delivered by Brother George B. Orlady, R. W. Past Grand Master.

ORATION

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers of the Grand Lodge and Brethren:

This unusual assemblage of men from every part of this great Commonwealth and the distinguished visitors from other Jurisdictions has a special significance to all who participate in this service. Social standing, creed, association, political affiliation furnish no standard for the personnel of this solemn gathering. What we do here is an avowment of faith in a Fraternity, a declaration of loyalty to its Usages, Customs and Landmarks, a continuing testimony of our adherence to its fixed ritualistic service. We are met to confirm a new enterprise on what we believe to be hallowed ground. We here found a temple for worship, and a residence for the practice of benevolence. We establish an abiding place for the homeless and helpless. We dedicate it to inculcate faith

in God, hope in ourselves and charity toward all men. From the invocation to the benediction every word uttered, every act done, every sign made, attests our belief in Almighty God, and in our dependence upon His will. Our prayer is, that He may have this village in His keeping, and bless our undertaking by continuing it so long as civil government may endure.

We are Free and Accepted Masons of this Commonwealth, and as such, we found this country Home in furtherance of our promises to each other and our duty to humanity. Our inspiring history prompts us to be actively identified with this great work, which we believe will develop into the most distinctive Masonic movement of the Western world.

The laying of a corner or foundation stone is a ceremony that is older than recorded history. A most distinguished and trustworthy investigator, Right Worshipful Brother Dr. W. J. Chedwode Crawley, says of this service:

"It was only natural, when men attained to the idea of providing magnificent residences for their Gods, that the Kings who erected Temples, the priests who served in them, and the architects who designed them, should desire to link their names with the edifices that meant so much to them. Hence grew the custom of constructing chambers in the foundations of the Temple, for the purpose of depositing in them durable memorials of the great men who had erected the buildings.

The practice began thousands of years before the Chris-

tian era, and continues in full force to the present day. No corner stone laid with Masonic honours is complete without a commemorative inscription and a foundation deposit.

Two laid in the early days of history, one in southern Babylonia, and the other in Jerusalem, furnish striking instances of the antiquity of the rite. The former was deposited five thousand years ago, the latter twenty-five hundred years ago, and are as certainly authenticated as the placing of the Foundation Deposit by Sir Christopher Wren and his masons in St. Paul's Cathedral in London, three hundred and fifty years ago.''

Whatever induced the rite, or practice or custom, we know not; but during the life of this American Commonwealth it has been directly associated with many public undertakings, as an essential part of any great enterprise. There is persuasive proof of the laying of the corner-stone of Independence Hall, in 1735, by Benjamin Franklin, as the Grand Master of the Masons of the Province of Pennsylvania. On September 18, 1795, George Washington, acting as Grand Master and with the assistance of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, laid the corner-stone of the National Capitol at Washington, and a like ceremony was performed at the extension of the present Capitol in 1851. In 1812, the officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania placed the key-stone in the bridge over the upper ferry in Lancaster or Schuylkill River Bridge, and deposited in it a copper plate with an appropriate inscription, which

was recovered when the old bridge was dismantled, and it is now among our treasures in the Temple in Philadelphia. The Bunker Hill Monument stands on a corner-stone placed June 17, 1825, by the Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts, assisted by Brother Lafayette. The corner-stone of the Smithsonian Institute was laid with a like service on May 1, 1847, and of the Washington National Monument, on July 4, 1848. The City Hall in Philadelphia has a like corner-stone laid June 4, 1874, by our then Grand Master. The new Capitol at Harrisburg was founded on a similar service by our Grand Master and his Officers on August 10, 1898.

Our first Grand Lodge building, "Free Masons Lodge," was dedicated on June 24, 1755, and since that date, by reason of fires or necessitous reasons, we have builded four Masonic Temples, each of which was duly corner stoned and dedicated, and those laid in 1811 and 1853 are now in our Museum in Philadelphia. The stone under the present one at Broad and Filbert Streets, was laid June 24, 1868, and the building was dedicated September 26, 1873. It stands today the most elaborate, expensive and beautiful Temple in the whole world that is exclusively devoted to Masonic uses. The land, buildings and decorations represent a value of nearly five millions of dollars, and are entirely free from debt of any character.

The most prominent public buildings of the country, capitols, Churches, court houses, colleges and schools, have started their lives with our services of this character, which are never performed at any other than a purely public building. Officials, representing nation, state, city and country have deemed it a special honor to participate with us on such occasions.

This is purely a sentimental undertaking, and no participant by presence or by contribution expects in the most remote way to receive any financial return to himself or for his estate. The investment made here in the money of the world is a large one, but we are making a much more noble one in fulfillment of our vows, and aiding in distressed humanity, by keeping the faith, one with the other. Sordid and mercenary worldings may urge that this expenditure is wasteful extravagance, that the persons for whose personal relief this village is intended could be more economically maintained in hotels or secluded places. Be that so. If that is all that is involved, if we can square our consciences with our obligations by a Dunn or Bradstreet rating, if we can measure honor and duty by dollar and cent gauges, why not take the logical next step and secure the same result by contract with poor houses and asylums? Neither the question of money nor of maintenance is controlling, our aim is to condone error; to uplift and encourage

the unfortunate; to continue a congenial home life for those whom business misventure, accident or loss of earning power have made dependent, so as to preserve the Masonic status of the individual, and relieve the heart ache of our Brethren. We cannot afford to be callous to or critical of the causes which have induced our Brothers' helplessness.

"Who made the heart, 'tis He alone
Decidedly can try us."

This ritualistic service, while it is simple and unostentatious, is filled with special importance to us and our successors. It is not arranged to gratify pride, manifest power, or assert our superiority over others, but only to observe a custom older than our language.

This ceremony is intended to teach the outside world the same important symbolic lesson that it does in our more secret service, and when the corner-stone is properly placed, it typifies the characteristic qualities of our Fraternity. In it, we place many records of our own achievements and history, a copy of our laws, and in every corner-stone laid with Masonic services, there is one Book placed which is to tell the futures ages, that we regard the Holy Bible as the sole source of Light and Truth of this age.

This is not a visionary movement; we make no quest for a Holy Grail, or search for a Golden Fleece, we occupy no new territory or found no new dispen-

sation, but in all heartiness we assert it only as a plain every day duty to found and maintain this Home where our Guests will live in peace and hope. Freemasonry is not a religion—but with us it is—an unincorporated association of men believing that we are under a continuing obligation to pay a rational homage to Deity, and that those who violate not the rules of right written by the Almighty upon their hearts and consciences may be received as Brethren. The world's Great Architect is our Supreme Grand Master, and the unerring Rule He has given us is that by which we work. We believe in and practice a universal religion not circumscribed by sect or sept or faith of men, or licensed by creed: a shoreless communion that accepts men of all climes, nations and tongues, and embraces every region where belief in God exists and fraternal language is spoken. We are all traveling to the same place, and we anxiously pray that we may all meet in the Grand Lodge above of " the just made perfect." We demand that every one of our membership shall be good law-abiding citizens, and submit himself to the established government of his country. Next to reverence towards the Supreme Being, and a respect for the religion of his conscience, the earliest and most important lesson impressed on the mind of a Freemason is submission to the government and its laws. Contention in theological and political affairs is banished from our

conferences. As men, we assert that religious faith which our reason and conscience enjoin. As citizens, we adhere to those political principles which our judgment adopts, so that liberty may be fostered and injustice avoided. We assure a sacred protection of the domestic relations, we level all worldly offices and distinction, we impress by decree, lecture and practice, the continuing and never completed duty of reverential awe to our Creator; observance of the common sense measure of the Golden Rule to our neighbor, and of insistent and unwavering loyalty to our Brethren.

Whatever the origin of Freemasonry, or the motives which induced its formation, the fact remains that it had its inception among operative Masons in a personal and special advantage to its membership, and it is as much of a necessity today, as at the building of the temple on Mount Moriah, or during the long dark days when it was practiced as an operative guild or trade or union. It is the only agency that can weld into a cohesive body all tongues and nations and climes, every creed of every class of men, of every grade of society, and of every religious belief, the dominating purpose being the betterment of man in the social, intellectual and citizen relation—to establish a higher grade of morals and assure a keener regard for the rights of fellow man. Ambition is a personal noun, and the Masonic Code

teaches that the things that are best for the individual are the best for the communal body. It appeals to that which a good man wants others to do and for him. It fixes a standard of right that is approved by a good man's conscience. The priests of the early Christian Church were its patrons, and under their guidance, our forbears built churches and monasteries, temples and retreats. The Popes of the Roman See encouraged their designs, and conferred privileges of the most extensive character upon the early Freemasons.

They were declared independent of the sovereign in whose domain they might be temporarily residing, and were subject only to their own laws. They were authorized to regulate their own wages, and were exempt from all kinds of taxes. In one of the Papal decrees, the Supreme Pontiff declares that these regulations have been made "after the example of HIRAM, King of Tyre, when he sent artizans to King SOLOMON for the purpose of building the Temple of Jerusalem."

The Christian thought of the world has always centered at the tomb of the SAVIOUR of men. HELENA, the mother of CONSTANTINE, organized the first pilgrimage to the Holy Shrine in 325, A.D., and when PETER the Hermit and Pope URBAN II roused the world with the cry of "Recover the Holy Sepulchre," the dominant good of that age was fanned into an active

flame, and maintained its full force through eight crusades, so that for over two centuries, the sign of the Templar's cross represented the highest and best motives of history. It was the badge of outermost honor, and went over Europe on the shoulder of King and Palmer; it stood at the wayside fountain and glittered on the Cathedral spire. The armies of Scotland, England, Prussia, France, Austria, Italy and Germany faced the East to recover the abiding place of the Son of God from the sacrilegious grasp of the Infidel. The Reformation followed, and the religious creed of the world was divided, but the sentiments of Freemasonry remained unchanged.

It is charged that the whole system is but a tradition. Be it so. We concede that the time, place and circumstances of its origin is shrouded in the mysterious past: What of the recovered monuments of Thebes, Antioch and Delphi? What of the folk lore songs of the nations? Are the alphabet, the signs of the zodiac, the art of printing and our numerals of today less certain or practical, because no man knows their primal source, or who gave them their present efficiency?

Two centuries hence the origin of the wondrous scientific discoveries of this day will be regarded as traditions, but they will be indisputable and undisputed facts.

With all the changes of the ages, with the coming

and going of empires and republics, that have been born in revolution and conquest, and existed in opulence and splendor, carving imperishable maxims on the arches of time, and, finally, in obedience to the inexorable law of all human things, they have passed into history as evanescent shadowy affairs; are they the less definite and existant because we can view only the results they have determined? The libraries at Alexandria, numbering hundreds of thousands of rolls and volumes, were destroyed by the first CAESAR and the Saracens. What of the science, literature and arts that preceded this devastation, and of which no authentic record has been preserved? "What is Truth?" is as pertinent and perplexing an inquiry today as when asked by PILATE. Faith sees a star. in the uncertain tomorrow. "Behold a Light" was an invocation of Barbarism, and is today the prayer of Civilization.

In our earliest Charges it was declared that Freemasons should "be good men and true in all honor and honesty, by whatever denomination or persuasion they may be distinguished, whereby Masonry becomes the center of union and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must else have remained at a perpetual distance." This organization has had a continuous existence through uncounted centuries and, in this culmination of our work, we flaunt no banners of victory; we exhibit no trophies

of conquest; we crown no heroes nor parade our achievements in boasting of our merits. We use here the working tools of skilled artizans to symbolize our Precepts, Landmarks and Customs; we use for a like purpose the leather apron of the Operative Mason, which with us, when worthily worn, is more honorable than any insignia conferred by royalty, so that we may dispense the light of Truth and Goodness for which humanity yearns.

To the cardinal virtues of natural ethics, Justice, Prudence, Fortitude, Temperance, we add the superlative graces of Faith, Hope, Charity. The Bread and Wine of quick relief have been ever associated with the Plumb, the Level, and the Square. The Corn, Wine and Oil of dedication representing our anointing, purifying and preserving. The Compasses, Angle and Line measure our truest thoughts to make the perfect block, a well lined good man. The corner-stone of our time is Usage, Custom and Landmark, and these we mould into Love, Law and Light, for all who ask, seek and knock, so that the world may be the better by our being in it.

With this history and on this flexible creed, we found this Masonic village. The first written injunction to Freemasons in Pennsylvania in regard to practical charity is found in the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England of 1717, and from it we have our first authority to receive and dispense Masonic Light.

In its Constitutions of 1723, reprinted in 1734, in Philadelphia, by Benjamin Franklin, which was the first Masonic book printed in America, the Brethren were enjoined in regard to the needy and distressed, "if he is in want, you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved, and to cultivate brotherly love, the foundation and cope stone of this ancient Fraternity."

In the Colony founded by William Penn there were several Lodges of English-speaking Masons in Philadelphia as early as 1730, as shown by the newspaper announcements of that time. They received their authority to be Masons by being made under the Grand Lodge of England, and by the same right they organized Lodges in the new and unoccupied country by immemorial right.

They adopted as part of their law the usage of the English Lodges, to "at the annual feast of St. John the Evangelist, and at all Quarterly Communications further the establishment and maintenance of a general charity for the relief of the poor Brethren."

By the manuscripts and newspaper notices in connection with the original documents in existence in Philadelphia, there were independent Lodges as early as 1727–1730, and as early as 1732, a Sovereign Grand Lodge of equal Masonic character with the Grand Lodge of England; it is also indisputably fixed as a fact, by means of original documents now in existence

in Philadelphia, that Masonic life here was but continued as it existed in England. These are opened freely to all truth seekers for their inspection; our muniments of title are here for any test that may be applied by the most incredulous and exacting critic. No sincere, fair-minded student of history now challenges their authenticity, and further to controvert their verity, is to challenge the existence of facts as absolute and accurate as any that are accepted by organized society the whole world around, whether it be civil, ecclesiastical or fraternal.

As it was in England, so it was in our colonial life, while living in fraternal amity with each other, there were rival and competing Grand Lodges. That strenuous political revolution was happily terminated by the treaty of peace between Great Britain and the United States, on September 3, 1783, and the fraternal relations of the Freemasons of England and Pennsylvania were not disturbed until the secession of September 25, 1786, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from the Grand Lodge of England, which has been so elaborately celebrated in Philadelphia in the services of the past two days, to commemorate our 125th anniversary of independent Grand Lodge life, as recognized by the source of Masonic Light among English speaking people; it being also the 179th anniversary of an independent Grand Lodge "formed by the cohesion of subordinate independent

Lodges founded by immemorial right,'' in territory that was not under the jurisdiction of any Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Today we are specially concerned about our relation to fraternal charity. The foundation of this work with us is laid in our first Ahiman Rezon, prepared by the then Grand Secretary, William Smith, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and approved by the Grand Lodge November 22, 1781, officially published in 1783, and dedicated to George Washington.

Chapter 3, Sect. 10, par. 4, provides:

''Every member of a constituted lodge under this Grand Lodge shall pay one shilling quarterly to the charity fund of the same. Par. 5,—Every person who obtains the benefit of Free Masonry, in any regular lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall pay five shillings to the charity fund of the same . . . at least once a year.

Sect. 12. The regulations for charity, observed in the Grand Lodge of England, are to be followed here, so far as the differences of circumstances, and general convenience will allow. The Committee on Charity . . . are summoned to meet on the third Wednesday of each month to hear all petitions, etc. and to order such relief to distressed petitioners, as their case may require and prudence may direct.''

The first organized Committee was appointed on St. John the Evangelist's Day, in 1778, when the Brethren, having met in harmony and sociability, raised the

sum of four hundred pounds for the relief of the poor.

On March 15, 1783, Lodges 2, 3, 4, 9, and 13, joined in establishing "A fund for the relief of indigent and distressed Masons," and provided that each Brother should pay monthly one shilling and ten-pence half-penny, and that the treasurer of each Lodge should monthly pay over ten-pence half-penny out of every shilling and ten-pence half-penny they receive for Lodge dues the preceding month.

In 1825, the Ahiman Rezon was revised, and its Section 22 is as follows:

"A committee of five brethren is to be annually appointed and empowered to receive donations for charitable purposes; to apply once in every year to each lodge and chapter, and to individual Brethren in such manner as they may deem proper for voluntary contributions to the charity fund. To hold stated monthly meetings at the Masonic Hall for the purpose of dispensing charitable relief to the petitioners, being ancient York Masons, the wives, widows, sisters and children of such Masons recommended by at least two respectable members of some lodge under this jurisdiction."

The early records of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges are replete with organized work in this direction. Eminent divines preached sermons to which an admission fee was charged, and applied to this fund; fairs and festivals were held, and lottery tickets were bought by Lodges to increase the volume of the charity foundation.

In 1855, the Grand Lodge created its separate Charity Fund, and enacted Rules and Regulations for its disbursement "For the relief of the poor and respectable widows and orphan children and the mothers and sisters of such." Each Subordinate Lodge was required to pay at its Quarterly Communication in September, one dollar for each member returned as being in good standing, and one for each charter member.

Our Grand Lodge has been made the legatee of many bequests, in aid and furtherance of this cardinal principle of Freemasonry, and the funds so created have been safeguarded and disbursed by Almoners, Stewards, Trustees and Bursars, who have been selected with great care, and the onerous duties of administration and disbursement have been conscientiously discharged so as to do the greatest good to the most dependent and deserving.

The present funds are as follows:

The Grand Lodge Charity Fund is	$101,932.08
The Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund is	114,992.08
The Thomas Singleton Bequest is	27,893.24
The Stephen Girard Fund is	80,480.45
The Stephen Taylor Bequest is	17,654.61
The Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds are:	
No. 1	20,475.00
No. 2	37,035.00
The Thomas Patton Rankin Masonic Institute for Boys is	785,242.86

and six lots of ground in St. Louis, Mo., of which no appraisement has been made. This fund is not available for its active use until 1920.

The Emergency Relief Fund is.....$ 11,909.25

These aggregate in marketable, interest bearing securities, one and a quarter million dollars.

Our financial ability to accomplish this great project is convincingly answered by a comparison of the conditions existing when our Temple in Philadelphia was started in 1866, and those we face today. Then there were 190 Lodges, with a membership of 20,256, and but 2,165 members of the Grand Lodge. Today we have 481 Lodges, with a membership of over 100,000, and 11,000 members of the Grand Lodge. There has been no diminution of courage or abatement of interest in the things which we as Freemasons should do.

As a separate and independent undertaking, the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, located at No. 3333 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, was incorporated in 1871, and has had a successful continuous existence. The Wiliam L. Elkins Orphanage for Girls, located at Broad and Cayuga Streets, Philadelphia, was founded through the munificence of the family of Brother William L. Elkins, and is conducted by the same Masonic corporation since 1906. These institutions have aided and maintained a large number of men, women and children, and it has been under the wise adminis-

tration of enthusiastic Brethren. The corporation has received many bequests and donations, as well as very liberal contributions from the Grand Lodge, in furtherance of its mission. This corporation has evidenced a desire to transfer all its valuable property, franchises, rights, responsibilities, obligations and duties to this Grand Lodge, "if it can be done without jeopardy to its property rights or the violation of any trusts," so that the Masonic charities of this Jurisdiction will be under one administrative management, subject to the exclusive control of this Grand Lodge. That this result may be attained, and that we may all work together to a common purpose in this splendid work, is a consummation devoutly to be wished for, so that there may be no confusion of names, conflict of interests, or divided responsibility.

These Grand Lodge funds and the property of the corporation are all subject to special limitations and provisions, that are specified in the will, or declaration of Trust creating them, and they are disbursed in strict accordance therewith. In addition to these generous benefactions, the Subordinate Lodges disburse annually large unrecorded sums of money in the relief of the deserving and needy of their own locality.

Munificent as these provisions are, and lavish as our disbursements have been, it has been demonstrated by experience that they are inadequate if

the trusts creating them are given a technical construction, and such a construction must be given. Our aim is to practice a charity that will be approved by man and be grateful to high Heaven. The Grand Lodge felt intensely and thought seriously, and gave the subject years of deliberation; it made a most careful investigation of this theme in this and kindred organizations, and, finally, it was decided to take a long step in advance of any other Jurisdiction, and to act with decision and promptitude. We have felt that it is not possible to administer charity by black letter definition; the exigencies of our life are so varied; the needs of humanity so complex; the call for help is often so urgent and imperative, that set forms must yield to the necessity and merit of the particular case. The sojourner in our midst; our Brother in distress who is in another Jurisdiction, or who is in pressing need at home by reason of illness or disaster, as well as the dependent wife, mother, father, widow, sister or orphan, is as much entitled to our fraternal aid as is the Master Mason at our door. Temporary relief is often as meritorious a use of such funds as when maintenance is furnished to a resident in our Home.

"Grief aids disease, remembered folly stings."

It was the further sense of our Grand Lodge, that, when by reason of adversity or misfortune a person

is entitled to aid, support or maintenance, no further requirement should be exacted or imposed, and in advancement of this interpretation of our duty, it was decreed that there should not be any age or sex limitation; and that no fee, charge or consequent consideration should mar the nobility of good works offered in the name of Masonic charity. It is our good fortune to have such an amplitude of membership and of funds that we can well and easily avoid affecting our high intention with any smudge of commercialism.

Recognizing the humiliation and depressing melancholy that is necessarily incident to close confinement in limited quarters, in institutional and congregate establishments, and the designation that is frequently applied to those received therein, we concluded to avoid these objections if possible, and decided that all of those who deserved well of us should be designated as the "Guests of the Grand Lodge" and that their residence should be in a village of our own, with all the conveniences and attractions of a family community.

The corner-stone of this group of buildings, which is to embrace this "Grand Lodge Hall" and its affiliated structures, is laid in the northeast corner of our first permanent erection, and from this we will extend our buildings as our requirements develop.

We determined that this "Grand Lodge Hall" should

be our administrative center, where ample provision will be arranged for our dining room, library, receptions, entertainments and social intercourse, and to be connected with cottages, designed for from four to twenty persons, so as to offer attractive neighborhood surroundings, and at the same time preserve the privacy of a personal sanctuary if it is desired. Our own Chapel will be arranged both for religious worship and for Lodge purposes.

We shall have a hospital and infirmary,—a separate building for the proper care of the sick and permanently infirm; a school for the education and training of the boys and girls assigned to our care; a power plant for the generation of our own light, heat, power, and for laundry purposes, and our own water system of never-failing pure water. We will have our own sewage disposal plant, so that all our buildings will be assembled and constructed in the best and most beautiful style of Elizabethan domestic architecture, in the midst of our own thousand acres of ploughland and wooded hillside, of our own orchard, and gardens in harmonious variety. Groves and groups of every kind of tree and shrub that is indigenous in Pennsylvania will adorn these grounds. We are confident that all Freemasons in this Jurisdiction will be an enduring monument of State as well as of Fraternal philanthropy.

The experience of the world teaches us that chari-

ties are often imposed upon, and in the administration of this great undertaking every effort will be made to discourage such practices. In order to prevent imposition, and to discourage mendicancy or systematic deception or the overlapping of relief, a particular investigation is to be made in each case, and every important averment will be vouched for by seven Brethren who have personal knowledge of the facts.

While this Home is to be for the use and occupation of those of our own household of faith, let it not be thought for a moment that our charities are so limited and confined, as to be applied exclusively to our own kindred. We preach and practice a much broader philanthropy. We believe in the most catholic liberality—we sent $50,000 to San Francisco in relief of the earthquake sufferers in 1906. We rushed donations to the oppressed Jews in Russia; we sent like liberal sums in many cases of sudden catastrophe by fire, flood and famine to many different parts of the world. Our Emergency Fund of $12,000 is held subject to immediate call in case of woeful distress occurring in any part of the United States or province.

This is not self laudation or a vainglorious recitation; we are having a family meeting here to lay the corner-stone of a great household enterprise—for our fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers and children.

There are now one hundred thousand of us in this Commonwealth, with 481 Lodges. We have paid for this thousand acres of land, on which nature has spilled her bounties with such a lavish hand that it is without a rival in natural charms, and every Mason in this State has an equal share in the lands, buildings, and in the sentiment of benevolence. It is an elementary principle of our Fraternity that in such a laudable undertaking there should be equality of interest, equality of zeal and equality of responsibility. We have now fifty emergency cases in our two temporary houses, and nearly all of our available space is occupied. When this building is completed we will have at our door a Guest for every available room. Additional space will be in demand and the generous Brotherhood will furnish it. This is a hearthstone celebration, and what we say in this natural temple is in furtherance of our domestic relations.

Our past furnishes the guarantee of our future conduct. Is it too much to say of ourselves to ourselves that no institution, social, religious or fraternal, represents so much of investment, with such elastic and liberal rules for admission and maintenance? Is it not safe to say that there will be no retrograde movement, no abatement in interest? Is there any danger of our principles changing or being modified? They have stood the test of the centuries,

and we are increasing in numbers at the rate of about five thousand each year. Our oldest and latest rule declares that "it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the landmarks of Freemasonry," and that, "what is not permitted, is prohibited." We are not at a turn in the road or at a parting of ways, we are just widening the same old thoroughfare for more effective service, so as to put humanity on a higher plane, and to inculcate a more intense fraternal regard for each other, and a more ample, a more generous and systematic method of conserving our charities.

On this hillside of exceptional charm, resplendent now with gorgeous tints of autumn beauty, in this pastoral healthy neighborhood, we consecrate this building and its necessary additions as a continuing memorial to our good intentions and performed promises. Here old men and old women shall live gladdened, happy lives, in thankfulness for God's mercies for having been identified with this Fraternity. Here they may forget their sorrows and realize that strong supporting arms are guarding their destinies.

And when we, and our successors, visit this shrine of helpfulness, under this unclouded sky, this healthful home spot, embellished with groves and flowers, vineyards and orchards, ancient woodland and rural beauty, noble in its amplitude, and mellowed by

artistic decorations of natural attractions, we and all who come here must be impressed by its sublimity and grace, and our Guests will measure a heartier meaning of the words, "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me," while we may live in hope of the fulfillment of the promise given to those who cared for the needy and distressed and deserving.

Not to go ahead rapidly is to fall behind. Nothing is well done unless is cannot be done better. We will give here a practical application of that greatest charity which "beareth all things, believeth all things; hopeth all things, endureth all things."

We will make our offering of home gifts and hearth-stone blessings to good men, women and children as the speaking monument of our Fraternity, where "we will pour holy oil on hearts that weep, to put a clearer radiance into saddened eyes, and set grieved hearts a singing toward the skies."

"Be this our lesson our whole lives through,
In what measure ye mete, be it meted to you."

And when the eternal shadows overwhelm our Guests, and they close their eyes forever in this Free-masons' Home, we will lay them to final rest with our beautiful Lodge service, in the God's Acre of our village,

"In our Heavenly Father's keeping,
Here we leave our Brethren sleeping."

This corner-stone ceremony initiates a great project, and marks an epoch of this age. We lay it in solemn obedience to our law, and commit this Home to Freemasonry in Pennsylvania for nurture and management, by our children's children to the latest generation, in the spirit in which we consecrate it.

May the structure reared on this site be finished in strength and beauty to fulfill our hopes and purposes!

May the skill of the designer, the builder, the artizan and every element in its construction, combine in harmony, to make it perfect and true in every part and practical in every detail!

May all identified with this undertaking be preserved in health, energy and fortitude, that this Masonic village may teach an aggressive philanthropy and stimulate the cause of our fraternity!

May the Great Architect of the Universe continue us in His fatherly care, that there may established, "on earth peace, good will toward men!"

The Reverend Brother Thomas M. Jackson, Grand Chaplain, then pronounced the following

Benediction:

May the blessings of God Almighty, Who made the heaven and the earth, and all who dwell therein, be

with us all and remain with us, now and forevermore. Amen.

Response by the Brethren: So mote it be.

The Brethren then sang:

AMERICA

My country! 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrim's pride,
From ev'ry mountain side,
Let freedom ring.

My native country! thee,
Land of the noble, free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills,
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God! to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

At the conclusion of the laying of the corner-stone of the "Grand Lodge Hall," the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, preceded by Thomas's Band, went in procession to the site of the Blair County Testimonial Building, on the Sarah A. Oldwiler and Marion N. Brady tract, where the R. W. Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers, laid the corner-stone with Masonic ceremonies. The Reverend Brother Robert Hunter, D.D., Grand Chaplain, made the Invocation and the Reverend Brother Richard Montgomery, Grand Chaplain, pronounced the Benediction. Brother Plymouth W. Snyder (P. M. and Secretary, Lodge No. 282), Secretary of the Blair County Testimonial Committee, presented the Architect, Brother Julian Millard (Lodge No. 282), to the R. W. Grand Master.

The list of articles deposited in the corner-stone was as follows:

LIST OF ARTICLES DEPOSITED IN THE CORNER-STONE OF THE BLAIR COUNTY TESTIMONIAL

Copy of By-Laws, with roster of members, of each Lodge in Blair County.

Historical Sketch of the Lodges of the Twentieth Masonic District (Blair County): Portage, No. 220, Hollidaysburg; Mountain, No. 281, Altoona; Juniata, No. 282, Hollidaysburg; Logan, No. 490, Altoona; Tyrone, No. 494, Tyrone; Woodbury, No. 539, Roaring Spring; and Hiram, No. 616, Altoona.

County Directory of Lodges at Hollidaysburg, Altoona, Tyrone and Roaring Spring for 1911.

List of Contributors to the Testimonial Building.

Coins: 50 cent piece, 25 cent piece, 10 cent piece, 5 cent piece and 1 cent piece of the mintage of 1911.

Set of Architect's Plans, Drawings and Specifications of the Building.

Preamble and First Minutes of the Meeting of the Blair County Free Masons' Testimonial Committee.

Resolutions adopted by the Committee on the death of Past Master Brother Boyd G. Steel, District Deputy Grand Master and Chairman of the Testimonial Committee.

Letter from Brother George B. Orlady, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Copy of Resolutions inviting the R. W. Grand Master to lay the corner stone of the Testimonial Building.

Newspapers of Blair County: Hollidaysburg *Register* and *Democratic Standard;* Altoona *Morning Tribune, Times, Evening Gazette* and *Mirror;* Tyrone *Herald;* and Roaring Spring *News.*

The following was prepared by Brother Plymouth W. Snyder for the Testimonial Committee:

The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, has celebrated the 125th Anniversary of its Independence in a dignified and most fitting fashion; on the first day by going in solemn procession to attend Divine Service, as our Brethren of a century and a quarter ago were wont to do; on the second day, in our splendid Temple, opening the Grand Lodge in ancient form, delivering appropriate orations, exchanging happy felicitations and banqueting, and on the third day, laying the corner-stone of the principal building of our Masonic Homes, destined to be the greatest charitable foundation the world has ever known. Truly, my Brethren, we can look upon all this and say it is fitting; it is good and it is Masonic. The hand of the Grand Lodge has ever been opened to the wants of the unfortunate and the oppressed, and for years we have had a well regulated Masonic Home, but we feel that more can be done than has been done and here on this splendid piece of Pennsylvania soil, on this beautiful tract of upland and meadow, woodland and fallow field, far removed from the din and dust and noise of the busy city, comprising almost 1,000 acres in extent—here is to be erected a home—a village of Homes for dependent Masons, their wives, widows and orphan children; also schools

for the education of orphan children, free of all money charges and fees. The idea of asylum, almshouse or institution is not to be tolerated here. Those who come, come as guests and are entitled to and will receive every courtesy and receive it as their right and privilege.

The scope and plan of these homes exceeds our most sanguine expectations. It is a great project, planned by great men, backed by a great Fraternity, and we feel in our hearts it was conceived in brotherly love and affection.

Having planned "Grand Lodge Hall" as the architectural center, the Lodges and members were invited to enhance and beautify the surroundings, and to do whatsoever their hands and hearts found to do to beautify and embellish the grounds.

Responses were prompt and enthusiastic, and the Blair County Lodges were quick to offer their services

The high privilege to do something to add to the beauty and utility of these Homes having been granted to us by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes, our District Deputy Grand Master Brother Boyd G. Steel, requested the Masters of our Lodges to meet to consider a proposition to erect a Testimonial on this property.

The meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Altoona, April 29, 1910, and the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved:* That each Lodge select a member to be a part of the Committee to prepare necessary plans and means for the erection of a stone structure to be a testimonial, and to continue the project to completion."

The Lodges of the County carried out the plan, and on May 23, 1910, the following members assembled in the Masonic Temple, Altoona:

Boyd G. Steel, D. D. G. M., of Lodge No. 281; J. Alton Heller of No. 220; Frederick A. Bell of No. 281; Plymouth W. Snyder of No. 282; James White of No. 490; John K. Ray of No. 494; Frank M. Bobb of No. 539 and Andrew S. Stayer of No. 616.

An organization was effected by the selection of Brother Steel as President; Brother Ray as Treasurer; and Brother Snyder as Secretary; and the following was adopted:

"*Resolved:* That the title of this Committee be Blair County Free Masons' Testimonial Committee."

Meetings were held at frequent intervals, Brother Julian Millard, of Lodge No. 282, was chosen architect, and the work prosecuted with vigor. The first building planned called for the expenditure of $5,800, but the Grand Lodge Committee, having given us a new and better location, the present structure was planned to cost almost $8,000. On June 17, the Committee met with a great loss in the death of Brother Steel. At a meeting called for the purpose, Brother

Frederick A. Bell was chosen President, and resolutions on the death of Brother Steel were adopted.

On August 29, a guarantee for cost of building, contract for erection of same and remittance of almost $4,000 were sent to the R. W. Grand Master. The contract was duly executed, and today we are assembled to lay the corner stone of a beautiful structure in the form of a Greek Temple.

The building proper will recall the oldest building traditions of the present civilization and employs the forms that lie at the base of modern architectural expression.

The Greek Doric order was coincident with the Art and Philosophy of our era, and was characteristic of the most Ancient Landmarks of Operative Masonry that are intelligible to the people of our time.

The plan contemplates a rectangle, enclosed on all sides with columns, and roofed with stone and tiles securely laid in cement and lead.

In the center of the building will stand a stone representation of an altar containing a pool of water with fountain jet. At the east, west and south will be pedestals of stone, and between the columns on all sides stone benches of ancient design will be placed.

On the interior architraves, in the spaces at right and left, will be inscribed the names of the seven Lodges at present comprising the Twentieth Masonic District, with spaces sufficient for future Lodges that may be constituted.

Here, close to the main highway leading to and within a short distance of "Grand Lodge Hall" will come our Brethren of, and visitors to these Homes to partake of the water and enjoy the cool shade of these protecting walls, and the simple beauty and symbolry of the structure will please and recall delightful memories. Long may it stand to serve its purpose and may Almighty God, the Supreme Architect, bless this our present undertaking!

After the Benediction, the Grand Lodge Officers and Members were formed as before, and returned to the "Headquarters," the Band playing a march.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, lunch, under the supervision of Brother Henry J. Horst (Lodge No. 551), was served by direction of the R. W. Grand Master, to about 4,500 persons, in two tents, each twenty-four by seventy-five feet.

It is estimated that 3,575 Brethren were present during the day.

One or more Brethren were present from each of the following Lodges in this Jurisdiction, 211 in number:

Name of Lodge.	*No.*	*Location.*
	3	Philadelphia,
Montgomery	19	Philadelphia,
Perseverance	21	Harrisburg,
	22	Sunbury,
Bristol	25	Bristol,

	43	Lancaster,
	51	Philadelphia,
Harmony	52	Philadelphia,
Washington	59	Philadelphia,
	62	Reading,
Concordia	67	Philadelphia,
Philadelphia	72	Philadelphia,
Phoenix	75	Phoenixville,
Hiram	81	Chestnut Hill,
Columbia	91	Philadelphia,
	106	Williamsport,
Solomon	114	Philadelphia,
Union	121	Philadelphia,
Rising Star	126	Philadelphia,
Roxborough	135	Philadelphia,
Schuylkill	138	Orwigsburg,
George Washington	143	Chambersburg,
Charity	144	Lewisburg,
Easton	152	Easton,
Washington	156	Quarryville,
Meridian Sun	158	Philadelphia,
Eastern Star	186	Philadelphia,
Charity	190	Norristown,
LaFayette	194	Selinsgrove,
Cumberland Star	197	Carlisle,
LaFayette	199	Lock Haven,
Lewistown	203	Lewistown,
Kensington	211	Philadelphia,
Honesdale	218	Honesdale,
St. John's	219	Pittsburgh,
Portage	220	Hollidaysburg,
Franklin	221	Pittsburgh,
Allegheny	223	Pittsburgh,
Philanthropy	225	Greensburg,
Mount Lebanon	226	Reading,

Chandler	227	Lebanon,
Fayette	228	Uniontown,
Richmond	230	Philadelphia,
Chester	236	Chester,
Tamaqua	238	Tamaqua,
North Star	241	Warren,
Kittanning	244	Kittanning,
Shekinah	246	Philadelphia,
Washington	253	Pittsburgh,
Stichter	254	Pottstown,
Shamokin	255	Shamokin,
Milton	256	Milton,
St. John's	260	Carlisle,
Orrstown	262	Orrstown,
Columbus	264	Columbus,
York	266	York,
Swatara	267	Tremont,
Bellefonte	268	Bellefonte,
Page	270	Schuylkill Haven,
Butler	272	Butler,
Cassia	273	Ardmore,
Hamilton	274	Philadelphia,
Cambria	278	Johnstown,
Mountain	281	Altoona,
Bethlehem	283	Bethlehem,
Porter	284	Catasauqua,
Columbia	286	Columbia,
Milnor	287	Pittsburgh,
Orient	289	Philadelphia,
Eureka	290	Greenville,
Ashland	294	Ashland,
Mount Moriah	300	Huntingdon,
Eureka	302	Mechanicsburg,
Oil Creek	303	Titusville,
Trojan	306	Troy,

Williamson	307	Womelsdorf,
Fort Washington	308	Fort Washington,
Williamson	309	Downingtown,
Summit	312	Ebensburg,
Clearfield	314	Clearfield,
Cumberland Valley	315	Shippensburg,
Bedford	320	Bedford,
Hailman	321	Pittsburgh,
Peter Williamson	323	Scranton,
Union	324	Mifflintown,
Lehigh	326	Trexlertown,
Plymouth	332	Plymouth,
Barger	333	Allentown,
Eureka	335	Montoursville,
Good Samaritan	336	Gettysburg,
Hyde Park	339	Scranton,
Thomson	340	Green Tree Station,
Skerrett	343	Cochranville,
Schiller	345	Scranton,
King Solomon's	346	Connellsville,
Lake Erie	347	Girard,
Patmos	348	Hanover,
Conwanesque	351	Knoxville,
Lucius H. Scott	352	Chester,
Oxford	353	Oxford,
Sylvania	354	Shickshinny,
Mahanoy City	357	Mahanoy City,
Humboldt	359	Philadelphia,
Canawacta	360	Susquehanna,
Big Spring	361	Newville,
Petrolia	363	Oil City,
Susquehanna	364	Millersburg,
Teutonia	367	Reading,
Corinthian	368	Philadelphia,
Mifflinburg	370	Mifflinburg,

Lamberton	371	Thompsontown,
Davadge	374	Pittsburgh,
McVeytown	376	McVeytown,
Pennsylvania	380	Philadelphia,
Newport	381	Newport,
Goddard	383	Coatesville,
Oriental	385	Philadelphia,
Apollo	386	Philadelphia,
Moshannon	391	Phillipsburg,
Perry	392	Erie,
Ivy	397	Williamsport,
Ashara	398	Marietta,
Friendship	400	Jenkintown,
Perkins	402	Philadelphia,
Eureka	404	Northumberland,
Howell	405	Honeybrook,
Vaux	406	Hamburg,
Pine Grove	409	Pine Grove,
Christiana	417	Christiana,
William B. Schnider	419	Philadelphia,
Shrewsbury	423	Shrewsbury,
Stuckrath	430	Pittsburgh,
Williamson	431	Saltsburg,
	432	Philadelphia,
St. John's	435	Reading,
Mozart	436	Philadelphia,
Potter	441	Philadelphia,
Landmark	442	Wilkes-Barre,
Mount Pisgah	443	Greencastle,
Philo	444	Philadelphia,
Ivanhoe	449	Philadelphia,
Stephen Girard	450	Philadelphia,
Zeredatha	451	York,
Covenant	456	Philadelphia,
Perry	458	Marysville,

Knapp	462	Berwick,
Robert Burns	464	Harrisburg,
Wyoming	468	Wyoming,
Saucon	469	Coopersburg,
Coalville	474	Ashley,
Lamberton	476	Lancaster,
Beaver Valley	478	Beaver Falls,
Union	479	Birdsboro,
St. Paul's	481	Philadelphia,
Pittsburg	484	Pittsburgh,
Prince Edwin	486	Middletown,
Robert A. Lamberton	487	Philadelphia,
Logan	490	Altoona,
Excelsior	491	Philadelphia,
Tyrone	494	Tyrone,
Renovo	495	Renovo,
Charles M. Howell	496	Millersville,
Riverside	503	Wrightsville,
Moscow	504	Moscow,
Dallas	508	Pittsburgh,
Guyasuta	513	Pittsburgh,
Mahoning	516	Danville,
Everett	524	Everett,
Ionic	525	Pittsburgh,
Mount Horeb	528	Philadelphia,
St. Albans	529	Philadelphia,
Bellevue	530	Bellevue,
Old Fort	537	Centre Hall,
Woodbury	539	Roaring Spring,
Fernwood	543	Philadelphia,
Duquesne	546	Pittsburgh,
Reading	549	Reading,
Casiphia	551	Mount Joy,
Marion	562	Scottdale,
Coatesville	564	Coatesville,

La Monte	568	Derry,
Keystone	569	Parkesburg,
Ashlar	570	Lykens,
Cromwell	572	Orbisonia,
Coalport	574	Coalport,
Crescent	576	Pittsburgh,
Prospect	578	Moore,
Acacia	586	Waynesboro,
Manheim	587	Manheim,
Hyndman	589	Hyndman,
Progress	609	Philadelphia,
University	610	Philadelphia,
Arbutus	611	Freeland,
Tyrian	612	Wilmerding,
Hiram	616	Altoona,
Middleburg	619	Middleburg,
Norristown	620	Norristown,
Henry W. Williams	624	Germantown,
Harrisburg	629	Harrisburg,
Maclay	632	Sunbury,
Homewood	635	Pittsburgh,
William L. Elkins	646	Philadelphia,
H. Stanley Goodwin	648	South Bethlehem,
Red Lion	649	Red Lion,
Geter C. Shidle	650	Pittsburgh,
Crafton	653	Crafton,
Patton	658	Patton,
Isaac Hiester	660	Reading,
Friendship	663	Fawn Grove,
Ephrata	665	Ephrata,
Brownstone	666	Hummelstown.

One or more Brethren were present from the following Lodges, twenty-seven in number (including

one not identified), from Jurisdictions other than Pennsylvania:

Name.	*No.*	*Location.*	*Jurisdiction.*
Vende	14	Jerome	Arizona.
Keith	187	Gilroy	California.
Widow's Son	66	Branford	Connecticut.
Montour	522	Elgin	Illinois.
Rio	685	Rio	Illinois.
Adelphic	509	Des Moines	Iowa.
Wichita	99	Wichita	Kansas.
Wicomico	91	Salisbury	Maryland.
Acacia	155	Thurmont	Maryland.
Sharon	182	Baltimore	Maryland.
Adrian	19	Adrian	Michigan.
Fellowship	345	Joplin	Missouri.
Blazing Star	11	Concord	New Hampshire.
Newark	7	Newark	New Jersey.
Mercer	50	Trenton	New Jersey.
Beverly	109	Beverly	New Jersey.
St. Paul	134	Auburn	New York.
Ilion	591	Ilion	New York.
Jerusalem Temple	721	New York City	New York.
Justice	753	New York City	New York.
Lincoln	748	New York City	New York.
Dalton	682	Dalton	New York.
Hamlet	532	Hamlet	North Carolina.
Portland	55	Portland	Oregon.
Tannehill	52	Dallas	Texas.
Staunton	13	Staunton	Virginia.

J. M. L.

APPENDIX

INVITATION TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND

GEORGE W. GUTHRIE,
R. W. GRAND MASTER.

OFFICE OF THE
R. W. GRAND MASTER
OF F. & A. MASONS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, July 28th, 1911.

To His Royal Highness,

The Duke of Connaught, K. G., Governor General-Designate of the Dominion of Canada, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

Most Worshipful Sir and Dear Brother:—

On Monday, September 25th next, the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, intends to celebrate with appropriate ceremonies, in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Philadelphia, the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of its existence as a Sovereign and Independent Grand Lodge. For many years up to Monday, September 25th, 1786, it had been a Provincial Grand Lodge held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England. Peace having been established for a number of years between the Mother Country and her former Colonies, which had formed the United States of America, it was determined that the former Provincial Grand Lodge should establish itself as a Grand Lodge independent of Great Britain or any other authority;

and, accordingly, on the day last named, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed forever, and upon the same day the present Grand Lodge was opened, and it declared that it was "not under any ties to any other Grand Lodge except those of Brotherly Love and Affection."

This action was communicated to the Grand Lodge of England, and, as will be seen by the enclosed copy of the action taken by that Grand Lodge, His Grace, The Duke of Athol being the Grand Master, was approved, and that Grand Lodge unanimously resolved that "a fraternal intercourse and correspondence be established between this Grand Lodge and that of Pennsylvania forever, in the same manner as between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland and other Grand Lodges throughout the Masonic world."

At the June Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on motion of Brother James M. Lamberton, Senior Grand Deacon, the following was unanimously adopted:—

WHEREAS Brother Field Marshall His Royal Highness Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K. G., etc., etc., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, has been appointed by his Majesty King George V. to be Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, and will enter upon his duties September next:

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which formerly was a Provincial Grand Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England, extends to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England an especially cordial and fraternal invitation to be present and participate in the celebration in September next of the 125th Anniversary of the existence of this Grand Lodge as a Sovereign and Independent Grand Lodge.

While I shall have the pleasure of extending to the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of all the Grand Lodges with which our Grand Lodge is in fraternal communication an invitation to be present and participate with us in the ceremonies and festivities of our Anniversary, it affords me especial pleasure to extend to you, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, from which we had our Masonic origin and with which the most cordial relations have always been maintained, the most cordial and fraternal invitation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to honor us with your presence, on September twenty-fifth next, assuring you of a warm and hearty welcome from all the Brethren of the Ancient Craft in Pennsylvania, as well as from the representatives of all the Grand Lodges in the United States.

I may say that yours will not be the first visit of a Grand Master of England to this country. One of your distinguished predecessors, Most Worshipful Brother The Earl De Gray and Ripon, in 1871, visited Washington at the head of the High Commission, appointed by Her Britannic Majesty's Government, for the settlement of the outstanding claims between the two Governments, and at that time, my predecessor, Right Worshipful Brother the Honorable Robert Alexander Lamberton, LL.D., telegraphed His Grace on his arrival in New York, a message of fraternal greeting and welcome, to which he received a graceful reply.

Later, Grand Master Lamberton had the pleasure of meeting the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, and extended to him an invitation to visit the Grand Lodge at a communication to be called in the City of Philadelphia, and "partake of the hospitality of a Grand Lodge which has ever been very jealous to preserve unimpaired the Customs, Usages and Landmarks of our fathers, and to guard the Ancient York Rite as we have received it, and to be our honored guest at a

banquet, before he left his Brethren of America, to rejoin those others, one with us in Fraternity, but separated from us by an ocean.''

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England expressed his thanks for ''the fraternal and complimentary invitation,'' and hoped the Masons of Pennsylvania would understand that only the pressure of other engagements prevented a response in person to their cordial welcome.

It is to me an added personal pleasure to extend this invitation to you, because it was my good fortune to be present in Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, London, on Wednesday, July 17th, 1901, when you were installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. I accompanied our then Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, the late Brother the Honorable James W. Brown, who was the personal representative of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Right Worshipful Brother George E. Wagner, and at that time I could not foresee that the partiality of my Brethren would later advance me to the highest station in their gift.

Our Brother His Excellency The President of the United States, the Honorable William Howard Taft, LL.D., had hoped, when I saw him, to meet with his Brethren of Pennsylvania on our Anniversary, and he assured me that it would give him great pleasure to greet you and welcome you to this country; but, unfortunately, he now finds that he will not be in this part of the country at the time of the Anniversary.

Our Brother His Excellency The Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Honorable John K. Tener, will be present, and will give you a cordial and fraternal welcome.

At this particular time, it would be a most happy and auspicious occurrence for those foremost in the affairs of our two countries to meet together as Brethren of the Craft, under the protection of a great Fraternity, which looks above and

beyond mere geographical conditions, and unites in a common bond good men of all nations, who believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

I also enclose an album showing the various meeting places of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the past century and a half, and a detailed description of the present Masonic Temple.

Trusting that amid the many duties and responsibilities of the high office to which you have been called, and in filling which your Masonic Brethren wish you Godspeed, you will be able to arrange to meet next September with the Craft of Pennsylvania, which is the oldest Masonic Jurisdiction in America, and with the assurances of my highest regard, I remain, Most Worshipful Sir and Dear Brother

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE W. GUTHRIE,

Grand Master.

(Seal of Grand Lodge
of Pennsylvania.)

INVITATIONS, SUGGESTED PROGRAMME, LETTERS, ETC.

The invitation, engraved by the Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company, of Philadelphia, was as follows:

5786 September 25th 5911

The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge

of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of

Free and Accepted Masons

of Pennsylvania,

and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,

sends to you, through its Right Worshipful Grand Master, greeting

and a fraternal invitation to take part in its celebration of the

One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary

of its

Independence as a Grand Lodge,

to be held at the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets,

in the City of Philadelphia,

on Monday, September the twenty-fifth, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911,

at Eight Twelve.

George W. Guthrie,
Grand Master.

An early answer is requested.

The members and guests will assemble in the Temple at eleven o'clock, A. M.

The Suggested Programme, given below, was accompanied by the following letter:

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, F. & A. M.
MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STS.

PHILADELPHIA, June 15th, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,

LODGE NO.

Dear Sirs and Brethren:

I take pleasure in sending you a Suggested Form of Programme to be used by the Lodges in celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M.

The Grand Lodge will celebrate this important event, in the Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Monday, September 25th, 1911, A. L. 5911.

It will be impossible for the members of all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction to participate in the Celebration at the Temple, as the seating capacity of the Hall is limited.

I, therefore, deem it advisable and urgently recommend to the Lodges that they celebrate this important event in their respective Lodge Rooms in a manner befitting the occasion. This may be done, either at the Stated Meeting of the Lodge immediately following the 25th day of September, or at a Special Meeting as near as conveniently may be to that date. It will be proper for the members of your Lodge to unite with your Brethren of neighboring Lodges in holding a joint celebration, in which case a special Dispensation will be necessary. In either event, I suggest that the Worshipful Master appoint at once a Committee from your Lodge to act alone or in conjunction with other Lodges, so that all necessary arrange-

ments may be completed as early as possible.

The assistance of your District Deputy Grand Master will be given as far as possible.

The delivery of historical or other Masonic addresses by competent Brethren, to be selected by your Worshipful Master, would be of advantage to the Fraternity as well as prove a source of pleasure and profit to the members of your Lodge. It would stimulate the interest of the Brethren in Freemasonry, and thus tend to increase the prosperity and usefulness of the Craft.

If a celebration is held under your auspices, two copies of the programme should be sent to this office for preservation.

Fraternally yours,

George W. Guthrie

Grand Master.

Suggested Programme

5786 September 25th 5911

Celebration of the

One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

of the

Independence of The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

Held under the auspices of Lodge, No. F. & A. M.

In the Masonic Hall at , Pa. on (day) (month)

A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911.

Opening of the Lodge.....Brother W. M.
Prayer .....Brother Chaplain.
Music..... "Old Hundred" ...By all the Brethren.

With one consent let all the earth
To God their cheerful voices raise;
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before Him songs of praise.

Convinced that He is God alone,
From Whom both we and all proceed;
We, whom He chooses for His own,
The flock that He vouchsafes to feed.

For He's the Lord, supremely good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth, which always firmly stood,
To endless ages shall endure.

ADDRESS .....“The Day we Celebrate”..BROTHER
MUSIC.....“America”....BY ALL THE BRETHREN.

Hail, Masonry divine!
Glory of ages, shine,
Long may’st thou reign;
Wher’er thy Lodges stand,
May they have great command,
And always grace the land,
Thou Art divine!

Great fabrics still arise,
And grace the Azure skies,
Great are thy schemes;
Thy noble orders are
Matchless beyond compare;
No art with thee can share,
Thou Art divine!

Hiram the Architect,
Did all the Craft direct
How they should build;
Solomon, great Israel’s king,
Did mighty blessings bring,
And left us room to sing
Hail, Royal Art!

ADDRESS....“Freemasonry and Citizenship”..BROTHER
CLOSING OF THE LODGE.....BROTHER W. M.
PRAYER .....BROTHER Chaplain.

Note—A number of suitable vocal selections will be found in the AHIMAN REZON.

LETTERS, ETC.

The following letters were issued:

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, F. & A. M.
MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,

LODGE NO.

Dear Sirs and Brethren:—

Under a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A. M., the 125th Anniversary of its Independence as a Grand Lodge will be celebrated at the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, on Monday, September 25, 1911, at twelve o'clock noon.

It is a matter of great regret, that, on account of the limited seating capacity of Corinthian Hall, it will be impossible to accommodate all the members of the Grand Lodge, and, from this unfortunate circumstance, the representation from each Lodge was necessarily limited to one Representative.

It is earnestly desired that your Lodge should be represented on this important occasion by some member of the Lodge, who is a member of Grand Lodge.

Your Lodge is requested to select such a Brother, and send his name and address, under the seal of the Lodge, to this office, not later than September 1, 1911, so that an invitation and card of admission may be sent to him.

In sending out the notices of your next stated meeting, your Secretary should notify the members that such Representative will be selected at that meeting.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M.

Should your Lodge decide not to send a Representative, notice of such action must be immediately forwarded to this office.

George W. Footman

Grand Master.

An appropriate Church Service will also be held at Christ Church, Second Street above Market, Philadelphia, on Sunday, September 24, 1911, at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, F. & A. M.
MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,

LODGE NO.

Dear Sirs and Brethren:—

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A. M., will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of its Independence as a Grand Lodge, in the Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Monday, September 25, 1911, at twelve o'clock noon.

It will be impossible for the members of all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction to participate in the Celebration at the Temple, as the seating capacity of the Hall is limited.

I, therefore, deem it advisable and urgently recommend to the Lodges that they celebrate this important event in their respective Lodge Rooms in a manner befitting the occasion. This may be done, either at the Stated Meeting of the Lodge

immediately following the 25th day of September, or at a Special Meeting as near as conveniently may be to that date, or it will be proper for the members of your Lodge to unite with your Brethren of neighboring Lodges in holding a joint celebration, and the assistance of your District Deputy Grand Master will be given as far as possible. In either event, I suggest that the Worshipful Master appoint at once a Committee from your Lodge, to act alone, or in conjunction with other Lodges, so that all necessary arrangements may be completed as early as possible.

The delivery of historical or other Masonic addresses by competent Brethren, to be selected by your Worshipful Master, would be of advantage to the Fraternity as well as prove a source of pleasure and profit to the members of your Lodge. It would stimulate the interest of the Brethren in Freemasonry, and thus tend to increase the prosperity and usefulness of the Craft.

If a celebration is held under your auspices, two copies of the programme should be sent to this office for preservation.

Fraternally yours,

George W. Lochner

Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, F. & A. M.
CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
INDEPENDENCE OF GRAND LODGE.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
June 1st, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I take great pleasure in enclosing an invitation to be present at the Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to be held at the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, on Monday, September the 25th, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911, at 12 o'clock noon: also an invitation to be present at a Church Service, to be held at Christ Church, Second Street above Market Street, Philadelphia, on Sunday, September 24th, at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

I will greatly appreciate a reply, not later than September the tenth, that you will be able to accept either one or both invitations, so that the Committee may have sufficient time to provide accommodations for you as my guest.

Upon receipt of your reply, accepting the invitations, cards of admission to the Temple and Church will be mailed to you, and further information communicated.

If unable to accept, please send the name and address of a member of your Grand Lodge to act as your Representative.

Fraternally yours,

George W. Loubine

Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, F. & A. M.
CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
INDEPENDENCE OF GRAND LODGE.
MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
August 1st, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I take great pleasure in enclosing to you an invitation to be present at the Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to be held at the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, on Monday, September the 25th, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911, at 12 o'clock noon: also an invitation to be present at a Church Service, to be held at Christ Church, Second Street above Market Street, at Philadelphia, on Sunday, September 24th, at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

I will appreciate an early reply, not later than September the tenth, and upon receipt of your acceptance, for either one or both of the invitations, a card or cards of admission will be mailed to you.

Fraternally yours,

George W. Guthrie

Grand Master.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M.

OFFICE OF THE

R. W. GRAND MASTER,

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PHILADELPHIA, September 2, 1911.

Dear Sir and Brother:

THE R. W. GRAND MASTER REQUESTS YOU TO MEET HIM IN HIS OFFICE, MASONIC TEMPLE, AT THREE O'CLOCK, P. M., ON THE 24TH INST., FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING SERVICE AT CHRIST P. E. CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA; ALSO, ON THE 26TH INST., TO PROCEED TO ELIZABETHTOWN, TO THE LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF THE "GRAND LODGE HALL" OF THE MASONIC HOMES.

TRAIN LEAVES HERE AT 8.25 A. M.

MASONIC DRESS WILL BE OBSERVED.

YOURS FRATERNALLY,

George W. Guthrie

GRAND MASTER.

PLEASE ANSWER PROMPTLY.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, F. & A. M.

CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

INDEPENDENCE OF GRAND LODGE.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

September 10th, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I greatly appreciate your acceptance of the invitation to be present at the Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge, to be held at the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, on Monday, September 25th, at 12 o'clock noon.

I have the pleasure of enclosing a card (without which admission may not be obtained) to the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, for Monday, September 25th. Present card, properly filled out, at Filbert Street entrance, and, after being properly vouched for, go by the South corridor to the elevator and stairs, and up to Corinthian Hall, in front on the right.

The Brethren have been requested to assemble in the Temple at 11 o'clock A. M., and no Brother will be admitted after 11.30 o'clock A. M.

Masonic Dress (black clothes, black necktie and white gloves) and appropriate Jewel and Apron will be expected.

A banquet will be served in the Temple.

A Committee will be at the Masonic Temple on Monday, September 25th, 1911, from 8 o'clock A. M. to 11.30 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of examining Brethren not vouched for.

I also enclose a card for the services to be held at Christ Church, Second Street above Market Street, Philadelphia, on Sunday, September the 24th, at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

If, for any reason, it becomes necessary for you to withdraw your acceptance, please notify me as soon as possible, and *return the enclosed cards.*

To avoid mistakes, please acknowledge at once the receipt of this letter with its enclosure.

Fraternally yours,

George W. Loehnes

Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, F. & A. M.
CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
INDEPENDENCE OF GRAND LODGE.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I greatly appreciate your acceptance of the invitation to be present at the Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge, to be held at the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, on Monday, September 25th, at 12 o'clock noon.

I have the pleasure of enclosing a card (without which admission may not be obtained) to the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, for Monday, September the 25th. Present card, properly filled out, at the Broad Street entrance, and, after being properly vouched for, proceed to the room designated on the card.

The Brethren have been requested to assemble in the

Temple at 11 o'clock A. M., and no Brother will be admitted after 11.30 o'clock A. M.

Masonic Dress (black clothes, black necktie and white gloves) and appropriate Jewel and Apron will be expected.

A banquet will be served in the Temple.

A Committee will be at the Masonic Temple on Monday, September 25th, 1911, from 8 o'clock A. M. to 11.30 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of examining Brethren not vouched for.

I also enclose a card for the services to be held at Christ Church, Second Street above Market Street, Philadelphia, on Sunday, September the 24th, at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

I take pleasure in informing you that, upon arriving in the City, accommodations have been provided for you, as my guest, at the Hotel

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If, for any reason, it becomes necessary for you to withdraw your acceptance, please notify me as soon as possible.

To avoid mistakes, please acknowledge at once the receipt of this letter with its enclosure.

Fraternally yours,

George W. Guthrie

Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, F. & A. M.
CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
INDEPENDENCE OF GRAND LODGE.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I greatly appreciate your acceptance of the invitation to be present at the Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge, to be held at the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, on Monday, September 25th, at 12 o'clock noon.

I have the pleasure of enclosing a card (without which admission may not be obtained) to the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, for Monday, September the 25th. Present card, properly filled out, at the Broad Street entrance, and, after being properly vouched for, proceed to the room designated on the card.

The Brethren have been requested to assemble in the Temple at 11 o'clock A. M., and no Brother will be admitted after 11.30 o'clock A. M.

Masonic Dress (black clothes, black necktie and white gloves) and appropriate Jewel and Apron will be expected.

A banquet will be served in the Temple.

A Committee will be at the Masonic Temple on Monday, September 25th, 1911, from 8 o'clock A. M. to 11.30 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of examining Brethren not vouched for.

I also enclose a card for the services to be held at Christ Church, Second Street above Market Street, Philadelphia, on Sunday, September the 24th, at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

If, for any reason, it becomes necessary for you to withdraw

your acceptance, please notify me as soon as possible, and *return the enclosed cards.*

To avoid mistakes, please acknowledge at once the receipt of this letter with its enclosures.

Fraternally yours,

George W. Guthrie

Grand Master.

The following were the invitation and admission cards to the services at Christ Church.

5786 September 25th 5911

Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Independence of

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M.

You are cordially invited to attend Religious Services at

CHRIST CHURCH,

Second Street above Market Street, Philadelphia,

Sunday, September 24th, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911,

at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE W. GUTHRIE,

Grand Master.

An early answer is requested.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M.

5786 September 25th. 5911

Celebration of the 125 Anniversary of the Independence of
The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M.

ADMIT TO CHRIST CHURCH,

Second Street above Market Street, Philadelphia,

Sunday, September 24th, A. D. 1911, A. L. 5911,
at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

GEORGE W. GUTHRIE,
Grand Master.

(OVER)

FILL OUT BEFORE ENTERING THE CHURCH.

Name in full.....

Name of Lodge .....

Number of Lodge.....

Location of Lodge .....

Jurisdiction.....

The card of admission to the Masonic Temple was as follows:

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, F. & A. M.
Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the
INDEPENDENCE OF GRAND LODGE,
To be held at Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia,
On Monday, September 25th, 1911,
At Twelve o'clock Noon.
ADMIT TO MASONIC TEMPLE.

Brother .....

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Jurisdiction of .....

Masonic Dress (black clothes, black necktie, white gloves) and Appropriate Jewel and Apron expected.

Brethren will assemble in the Temple at eleven o'clock A. M.

No Brother will be admitted without card or after 11.30 o'clock A. M.

A Committee will be at the Temple on Monday, September 25th, 1911, from 8 o'clock A. M. to 11.30 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of examining Brethren not vouched for.

Present card, properly filled out, at Broad Street entrance, and after being properly vouched for, go by South corridor to elevator and stairs, and up to **Renaissance Hall** in front on the left.

This card must be given up to the Assistant Grand Tyler.

NOT TRANSFERABLE.

GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, Grand Master.

(OVER)

FILL THIS OUT BEFORE ENTERING THE TEMPLE.

Name in full.....

Name of Lodge.....

Number of Lodge.....

Location of Lodge.....

Jurisdiction.....

Similar cards, differing in color, were issued for those who were to assemble in Corinthian and Ionic Halls, and the Grand Master's Office.

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